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Orwigsburg, Pa.

UPON ONE OF THE BROADER AND higher of the many undulating hills which make Eastern Pennsylvania so rugged and romantic, nestles the beautiful Borough of Orwigsburg, with its several thousand thrifty and intelligent citizens living contented and happy. It is situated in one of the richest agricultural sections of the State, the fertility of which has been enriched to a high degree of cultivation by the intelligent and industrious farmer. Orwigsburg, therefore, possesses a market unexcelled anywhere in this great and wealthy country, while the surplus produce finds ready sale in the other towns in the coal region vicinity which are not quite so favorably situated.

The citizens point with much just pride to the early history of their town. It traces back to an early period in the last century. In the year 1747 George Gottfried Orwig and wife emigrated from Germany and located upon a tract of forest land, which, with great toil amidst the lonely solitude, they cleared and cultivated, and praised their Maker. This piece of ground is now part of the well known Kimmel's farm, a short distance south of Orwigsburg. In 1796 Peter Orwig, a grandson of the pioneer settler, plotted the site of the present town, laid out its streets, planned it into lots, and named it 'Orwigsburg" in honor of his venturesome ancestor.

ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT.

On March 1st, 1811, the County of Schuylkill was formed out of portions of Berks and Northampton Counties, and Orwigsburg became the county seat. Settlers in other sections of Eastern Pennsylvania, and emigrants from the fatherland were attracted to this new settlement, and it grew rapidly.

In 1813 it was incorporated into a borough, and many of the buildings, business houses and dwellings, were then erected which still stand as monuments of the enterprise and ambition of the early settlers. The first court was held in the present Arcadian Hotel and at another time in a house then owned by Abram Reiffsnyder. In 1815 the court house was erected in which the first shoe factory of the many industries of that nature, was first established in 1873. From this enterprise has sprung a score of other shoe factories which give employment to hundreds of busy hands. By 1844 the business of the court had increased to such proportions which required larger room at the court house, and then an addition was built in which were located the several county offices.

The coal industry had eclipsed that of the agricultural districts and on December 1, 1851, the county s at was removed to Pottsville, in accordance to an Act of the Legislature and a majority vote of the electors, 3,551 votes being in favor, and 3,091 against.

STREETS WITH HISTORIC NAMES.

Upon plotting the town the streets were given names to commemorate the heroes of the war for Independence, which was terminated but a few years before. The names of Generals Washington, Warren, Mifflin and Wayne, and Commodore Decatur are thus perpetuated. So is also, the name of Benjamin Franklin, the statesman and diplomat, and that of the Indian Chief, Tammany. The cause of Liberty and Independence for which

the Continentals fought and won, and which we, their posterity enjoy and the general name of this Republic, Columbia, are also thus commemorated, and they thus continue to teach the residents of and visitors to the old county seat, the principles for which those heroes fought.

The thoroughfares are generally wide. All are kept clean and in good condition. The principal thoroughfare is designated Market street, upon which is a large public square; both sides of which are lined with factories, hotels and business houses of every variety. Upon other portions of it and upon other streets are erected many palatial and comfortable residences, giving the town a most picturesque appearance.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

The importance of the education of the young was not overlooked among these early settlers who were busied day and night in turning the hillsides and valleys into fertile fields. The early settlers of Orwigsburg established schools for the dissemination of knowledge to the youth, and this creditable example has been pursued with religious zeal by their descendants ever since. As early as 1813 the Orwigsburg Academy was instituted. In 1824 this school was succeeded by the Arcadian Institute, which in turn was succeeded by the public schools in 1864. This system of popular education had by that time swept over the county and state, and Orwigsburg was not slow or tardy in accepting the advantages and blessings it offered, even in its incipiency. The Acad my was the alma mater of many of the present and past leading and progressive citizens. That institution moved off the sphere, but upon its foundations are erected a system of public schools in the old county seat, that are not excelled any where for high class of curriculum of studies, efficient teachers, comfortable rooms and modern appliances.

The church edifices are generally large, commodious and of a high degree of architecture. The Lutheran and Reformed Churches are the oldest. Their history goes back to a time antedating the town itself. For many years these two denominations worshiped alternately in the old red church located a short distance south of Orwigsburg. This church edifice has grown historical by time, for over a century of years have come and gone since its altar was erected to the glory and honor of the God of Nations.

These two denominations continued to hold Divine Worship beneath the same roof until 1844, when the Reformed branch withdrew and erected a church in Orwigsburg, which still stands, and in which the followers of that faith continue to worship according to the doctrines and teachings of Zwingli, the immortal reformer and patriot of Switzerland. The church edifice is constructed of stone, and like all church buildings erected in that early day is two stories, the upper the main auditorium with a seating capacity of about 800 is devoted to regular preaching services, and the basement floor to the use of weekly gatherings and to the use of the Sunday School. Among its membership are numbered leading citizens of the town and vicinity. The pastor is Rev. E. S. Bromer, who resides in a pleasant parsonage, which is located on the principal street.

The Lutheran denomination is one of the largest religious organizations of the town. It is a progressive church and over it presides the Rev. H. A. Weller, a scholarly, energetic and pious pastor, who is comfortably located with his family in a large and commodious residence at one of the corners of the public square. This congregation worships in a large, spacious church edifice, built of brick and upon the most modern and approved plan of architecture. It has a seating capacity of upwards of 1,200. The congregation and membership of the Sunday School are both large and influential, and are a power of strength for good in that community. In this, like in the Reformed Church, English and German services are held, to accommodate the services to the members who speak but one of these languages. However, English and German are spoken by the majority of the population of this town and vicinity with equal fluency.

The Evangelical Association was organized in Orwigsburg sixty years or more ago. A church was erected in 1852, which at present, is in the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Kreisel, who is filling his third year in that capacity. It is known as Salem's Evangelical Church. Its membership is 120, and its congregation numbers 200. The Sunday School has also a membership of 200 enrolled. The church is located on the corner of Liberty and Independence streets. It is of brick and two stories, with a seating capacity of 350. German and English services are also held. It is a historical fact in the annals of the Association that Salem's Church was the second of that denomination organized in this country.

There is a small band of the United Evangelical Church who worship statedly in one of the large school rooms. It is supplied at present by the Rev. J. R. Hensyl, of Schuylkill Haven.

The youngest of the several religious congregations that worship within their own temple is the Covenant Methodist Episcopal

Church, which was organized in the year 1891. For a brief time the members worshipped in the Arcadian Hall. But no sooner was the congregation organized, than with the characteristic care and watchfulness of this aggressive church, was a pastor placed over it. The Rev. John E. Reber, an energetic and devoted young man, was assigned by the Philadelphia M. E. Conference as the pastor of Covenant Church. Pastor and people labored together in Christian unity, and they together set about to prepare for the erection of a church in which to worship. The congregation prospered. Its membership multiplied, and in 1894 an opportunity presented itself by which the church building of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church was secured, that denomination having erected another and more capacious church building. The purchased church was remodeled and otherwise beautified. It is of brick and is two stories. It is centrally located. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 350 persons. The congregation now numbers over one hundred, of whom fifty are communicants. Rev. John Ellery is the present pastor. He is serving his second year with them. The Sunday School numbers 150 members. The services are conducted exclusively in the English language.

IT HAS ITS ANTIQUITY.

At the southeast corner of the public square stands the old Orwigsburg Hotel, which was built in 1796, the first building erected on the site of the town. Another old public house to which the antiquity hunter points is the Rising Sun Hotel, which was built by the grandfather of the late Judge Green, of the Schuylkill County Bench and Bar. In one of the cemeteries rest the bones of Frederick Hesser, who served in the Revolutionary War as a drummer boy and suffered with the liberty struggling patriots at Valley Forge. It was his wont when court crier to summon together the court by the beating of the drum.

Of the descendants of the founder of Orwigsburg there still reside in that town, Peter Orwig, aged 74 years, a grandson of Isaac Orwig, who is the collector of water taxes.

FIRST IN MANY THINGS.

Whilst the citizens of Orwigsburg point with just pride to the first church, the first court house, the first house and the pioneer military organizations, Masonic lodge, and schools, and other institutions, they can also speak with the same justifiable pride to the fact that she possesses men of push and enterprise, who are not content with referring to the past, but who are struggling with the living present, who are hewing out for themselves competencies for the coming hopeful future, and at the same time are in their many industrial establishments giving employment to hundreds of their fellows. These industries are referred to at greater length in the body of this volume.

Of the many prominent citizens who developed the resources of this rich county, and made Schuylkill one of the most progressive and influential in commerce and politics, in law and agriculture, who claim or claimed Orwigsburg as their birthplace, there can be enumerated the Farquhars, the Parrys, the Roseberrys, the Fraileys, the Bannans, Boyers, Zerbeys, Swalms, Ricketts, Werners, Hammers, Matthews, Loesers, Folmers, Wildermuths, Medlars, Garretts, Lefflers, Greens, Graeffs.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Orwigsburg possesses a large and never failing supply of pure water. The plant is owned by the borough outright, and water is supplied to the consumers at a minimum rate. Two large reservoirs are erected to contain millions of gallons of water which is supplied to the consumers through large and ample water mains by gravity.

PLENTY OF ROOM.

The landscape surrounding Orwigsburg is not only picturesque, but it is of such a nature that it can be converted into sites for large manufacturing plants. Land can be had cheap. The price is made low by the owners who realize that other business and trade is benefited by the location of industries to give employment to industrious, willing hands. There is plenty of room for sites.

The Orwigsburg Agricultural Society annually gives exhibitions of the product of the rich soil. For this purpose it is the owner of large fair grounds with convenient and commodious exhibition buildings. One of the finest race tracks is also laid out upon their grounds, which adjoin the borough site.

ITS RAILROAD FACILITIES.

Orwigsburg is connected with Pottsville, the county seat, by an electric railroad

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has a station in the northeastern suburbs, while the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads have stations near the western suburbs; the Pennsylvania's station is called Adamsdale, and the Reading's station for Orwigsburg is called Landingville.

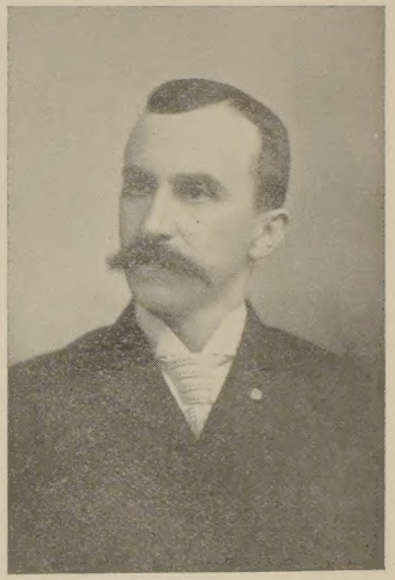
Mr. Albright's superior standing in the community is pointedly marked by his lodge membership, public spirit and business enterprise. He is a member of Schuylkill

Lodge, No. 138, F. and A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196 and Constantine Commandery, No. 41, at Pottsville, Pa.; Harrisburg Consistory, Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Philadelphia; and a thirty-second degree mason of the Northern jurisdiction of the United States.

In politics he is an active Republican and he frequently represents this town in state and county conventions. He is a director and vice president of the Edison Electric light company and was Director and President of the Anthracite Electric Light Co., of Pottsville; one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Orwigsburg which was established in 1890. He has, since its inception been first vice president. Mr. Albright is a man of entire reliability in his dealings, active, energetic, and devoted to his business, and well merits the substantial share of public favor he enjoys.

GEORGE C. DIEFENDERFER.

George C. Diefenderfer, the subject of our sketch was born in Orwigsburg, January 28th, 1856. He received his early education in the public schools of Orwigsburg, and after having completed same he entered Waynesburg College of Waynesburg, Pa., where he spent one term. After leaving college he turned his attention to teaching and taught one term in the public schools of Wiconisco, after which he was employed as a clerk in his uncle's store of that town. Here he remained for thirteen years during which time he served five years as postmaster and managed a drug store at the same time. In 1883 he came to Orwigsburg and purchased the interest of Mr. A. E. Brown who was then in partnership with H. S. Albright. The firm then became H. S. Albright & Co., and has continued as such ever since. Mr. Diefenderfer is a prominent member of Masonic Fraternity among which are Ashlar lodge, No. 570, F. and A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196, Royal Arch Masons; Constantine Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templar;



Harrisburg Consistery; Lu Lu Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Philadelphia, Pa., and is a thirty-second degree Mason of the northern juris-

diction of the United States. Politically he is a staunch Republican and always takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party. He is at present President of the School Board of Orwigsburg. He is a Director of

the First National Bank of Orwigsburg of which he was one of the organizers.

He has always been a public spirited citizen and is identified with all movements toward the advancement of educational, industrial and religious projects.

THE ARCADIAN HOUSE,

E. M. Moyer, Proprietor.

For the excellent maintainance of strictly high class hotels no town is more deserving of congratulatory mention than is the town of Orwigsburg.

The largest, leading and most popular house which is worthy of more than passing mention is the Arcadian House, E. M. Moyer proprietor.

This hotel is centrally located on Centre Square at the terminal of the street railroad, thus affording great convenience to the guests. It has superior cuisine and a service equal to any in Schuylkill county. The house is a three story building, mostly of brick and stone and having a frontage of 65 feet by 75 feet in depth, and connected with commodious stables and sheds which are about 100 feet in length. On the upper floor is a large hall covering an area of 35x65 feet equipped with a large stage which is utilized as an entertainment and dance Hall. The house is elegantly furnished throughout and has seventeen available sleeping rooms. The house is also equipped with baths, steam heat, etc., and in fact most every convenience one would wish. On the first floor are located the parlor, dining room, kitchen etc., and office and bar room, the latter being stocked with the finest brands of cigars and choicest liquors. In the rear of the bar-room has just been added a large summer pavilion where on a hot summer night one could pass away the leisure hours in a most enjoyable manner.

The ladies parlors are commodious and elegantly furnished; the dining room is spacious, light and airy, while the sleeping rooms are in a like manner all that could be desired. The Arcadian is conducted on the popular American plan, its rates being $2.00 per day, which is remarkably reasonable, when the superiority of the accommodations and the exceptionally high standard of the cuisine are taken into consideration. This has always been a special feature with Mr. Moyer, who is a judicious and enterprising purveyor. He is noted for having at all times the choicest and best in the market on the table, and plenty of it, while a competent chef and 12 courteous assistants are employed. Mr. Moyer can accommo-

date a large party at supper at any time and has had at one supper upwards of 250 guests. This alone is something no other hotel man can boast of in this section of the county. Mr. Moyer was born in Berks Co., Pa., in 1841 where he received his early education after which he was engaged in farming for some time. He followed various pursuits having at one time been a traveling salesman and a railroad man. He has been in the hotel business for 15 years in different cities and established his present

business June 6th, 1893. He is also a prominent Odd Fellow. Mr. Moyer is ably assisted by his son W. K. Moyer and to sum up in brief both gentlemen are influential and enterprising business men who are always ready to lend a helping hand to the welfare of Orwigsburg.

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I. H. DOUTRICH,

Merchant Tailor and Clothier, Hats, Caps, Etc.

The time has arrived when it is not necessary for one to go to the large cities to see the latest and most fashionable styles of dress, and more particularly is this so in connection with gents' clothing and furnishings. Located on Cen-

ter Square is the popular establishment of the above named gentleman who claims the distinction of being the only merchant tailor in Orwigsburg. He also handles a fine line of ready to wear clothing, hats, caps, gents' furnishings, trunks, bags, etc. The premises occupied comprise a commodious store 18x68 feet in area where two courteous assistants are employed catering to the large trade which he enjoys. The custom tailoring department is under the personal supervision of Mr. Doutrich who has established an enviable reputation for fit, style and uniform excellence, while the most reasonable prices always prevail.

Mr. Doutrich was born in Middletown in 1871 and was educated in the Elizabethtown public schools and at Poughkeepsie Business College. He learned his trade in Elizabethtown starting in 1893 where he remained in business for himself until March 1898 when he established his present business in Orwigsburg. Mr. Doutrich is an active, courteous gentleman, popular with all classes, and is justly entitled to the success he has achieved by his enterprise and integrity.

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S. R. KEPNER, Manufacturer and Dealer in Cigars and Tobacco.

The business of this house dates from 1873 when it was estabi shed by B. K. N. Kepner who conducted until 1882 when Mr S. R. Kepner became sole proprietor. Mr. Kepner has been remarkably successful, his trade extending throughout this and the surrounding counties. The building occupied is three stories in height, and has dimensions of 22x38 feet with an addition of 16x35 feet. The factory covers an area of 32x24 feet. The salesroom is admirably fitted up and stocked with the choicest brands of cigars and tobacco, while the department devoted to manufacturing purposes is well equipped with every convenience. From ten to sixteen competent assistants are employed constantly and goods emanating from this house is a guarantee of their purity and uniform excellence. Among the leading brands is the "Honest Value" and 'Lehigh Valley" cigars which have won a creditable reputation among the most able judges of fine cigars. Mr. Kepner is a native of East Brunswick township where he was born in 1856. He has resided in Orwigsburg since 1862 where he received his education and learned his trade in his father's shop. He is a prominent member of the following Lodges, viz: J. O. U. A. M., P. O. S.of A; Odd Fellows and Red Men. Mr. Kepner has achieved his success on a true basis of honorable effort and the ability to secure and handle the best goods only at the lowest prices.

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D. R. KISTLER & SON,

Wheelrights.

An important feature of the commercial activity of Orwigsburg is the well conducted business of Mr. D. R. Kistler who is assisted by his son Irwin Kistler and whose place of business is located on West Market St. This business was established in the spring of 1897 and since its inception it has grown to be as important to the thriving commercial portion of the town as any within her boundaries.

The premises occupied comprise a commodious building 20x30 feet in area where spring wagons, repairing and blacksmithing of all kinds is done. Mr. Kistler employs a force of five competent assistants and his trade although local is very large and is steadily increasing.

He was born in West Penn Township in 1846 where he received his education. In

1856 he moved to Franklin Township remaining there until the war broke out in '61, and on September 11th of that year he enlisted in Company H, Pennsylvania Volunteers and served three years and six months. He then went to Mauch Chunk where he remained until 1870 and then moved to Allentown where he was employed in the Rolling Mills running a stationary engine and where an army of 1500 men earned their living. In 1876 he engaged in farming in McKeansburg Township following that until he located in Orwigsburg which was in 1890. He was for seven years with the Lehigh Valley Engine House here, leaving when he established his present business.

Mr. Kistler is a member of the Sons of America also the American Mechanics. Mr. Kistler and Son are highly regarded in business and social circles for their enterprise and integrity and afford an example of an honorable and prosperous business career.

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M. GERBER, Mgr.

Orwigsburg Flour Mill.

The inception of this business dates back about forty years, when it was established by Geo. F. Kimmel, who conducted it until 1895, when Mr. C. M. Gerber rented the plant, and the business has since been run by his father, Mr. M. Gerber.

The premises occupied comprise a mill 25x35 feet in area where both water and steam power are used. The product of the mill is corn, oats and rye, a specialty being made of the latter.

Mr. Gerber employs two assistants, and has a large and steadily increasing trade throughout the county.

Mr. M. Gerber was born in W. Brunswick township in 1853, where he was educated, and in 1873 he came to Orwigsburg. He was employed by Mr. Kimmel in the mill until 1889, and then went to Schuylkill Haven, where he was in the railroad business until 1892. He then went to Berks county, remaining until he came here and entered the milling business.

Mr. C. M. Gerber was born in Orwigsburg in 1880. He was educated in the high schools of Orwigsburg and Schuylkill Haven. He finally entered the employ of A. E. Brown & Co., and learned his trade as a cutter, which he has since followed. Both Mr. Gerber and his son are prominent citizens in the community, and have by enterprise and progressiveness gained a large number of friends in both business and social circles.

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HENRY H. BROWNMILLER,

A prominent and representative citizen of Orwigsburg, is a native of Berks county, where he was born near Reading, Pa., in 1842. Here he received his education in the High Schools, and at the Oley Academy, where he was graduated with high honors. He at once turned his attention to teaching, which he followed off and on for over a period of twenty-eight years. During the meantime the war broke out, and he enlisted immediately in Company I, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the entire war. Mr. Brownmiller was in the thickest of fourteen of the most noted battles, among which was the great battle of Gettysburg. Here he was wounded twice in one day. When he returned from the war he began in the capacity of teacher again, remaining as such until 1894, when he became a representative of the New York Life and Fire Insurance Companies, which he has since followed.

Mr. Brownmiller is a gentleman of ster-

ling business qualifications, energy and integrity, and is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of business and social friends.

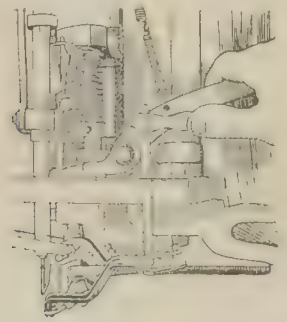
THE HEISER THREAD CUTTER CO.,

Valentine Heiser and S. R. Moyer Inventors.

H. A. Weller, Assignee, Orwigsburg, Pa.

This business was established in October 1897 and has its office at the residence of Rev. H. A. Weller while the machines are manufactured in Reading, Pa.

The Thread Cutters are small machines made to be used in connection with the McKay Sewing Machine used in the manufacture of shoes which is the mainspring and backbone of the industrial portion of Orwigsburg.



The firm have placed their machines on trial in many places and they have proven to be a wonderful invention. The machine cuts the thread automatically and is a great saver of thread. This is something that different individuals have tried to invent for years, but never was accomplished until the above mentioned gentlemen discovered it

The members of the firm are highly respected citizens and enterprising business men of Orwigsburg while Mr. Weller is the pastor of the Lutheran Church of that place.

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BURD R. LINDER.

Burd R. Linder was born in Orwigsburg in 1870. He was educated in the Public Schools of that place and began life as a clerk in a store which he followed until he received his appointment as post master which office he now holds. Mr. Linder was appointed February 15th, 1898 for a term of four years. The office supplies 1600 people with mail; has twelve mails daily, six going out and six coming in, while the money order department amounts to upwards of $12,000.00 yearly. Mr. Linder is a young man who has attained his present high standing in the community by his sterling integrity and straightforwardness. He has always been a staunch Republican and justly merits the position he has achieved.

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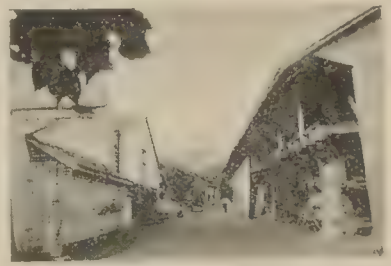
JAMES D. KOCHER,

Contractor and Builder, Corner Warren and Independence Streets.

Among the many successful and thoroughly practical contractors and builders in Orwigsburg and vicinity none are more worthy of congratulatory mention than is Mr. Kocher the subject of our sketch. Mr. Kocher controls a large and successful business. His lumber yards cover an area of 700x100 feet where a comprehensive stock of choice building material may always be found. He employs a force of competent assistants numbering from five to twenty-six and has two teams constantly in use. He makes a specialty of contracting and has put up many handsome buildings in Orwigsburg and vicinity. Mr. Kocher was born in West Penn Township in 1851 where he received his education. He came to Orwigsburg in 1871 and served his apprenticeship as a carpenter and builder with B. Miller. In 1876 he branched out for himself since which



time he has built up a creditable reputation in his line. He carries on hand constantly about 50,000 feet of lumber, about 200,000 shingles; a large stock of lime, cement and Keystone Plaster; also a stock of flooring, siding, doors, blinds, mouldings, etc.

Mr. Kocher is a gentleman in every sense of the word and is highly esteemed by his towns people. His work has always proven very satisfactory and those having dealings with him will always find them most profitable and pleasant.

MARKET SQUARE, ORWIGSBURG, PA.

A. E. BROWN & CO.,

Manufacturers of Boys, Youths, Little Gents, Misses, Childrens and Infants Fine Shoes.

Orwigsburg is destined to become a manufacturing center of great prominence when we take into consideration her incomparable industries, which have given her present high pre-eminence in the community, and which are the vital source and mainspring of her wealth and prosperity. The productions of her renowned industries find markets throughout the union, while they are unrivalled in surpassing excellence. The record of her progress in these lines is one to be proud of. The history of the commercial and industrial progress and prosperity of Orwigsburg is best illustrated by the story of the growth of those individual concerns, the development of which has made the town one of the most thriving centers of activity, and in this connection this firm which is engaged in the manufacture of shoes and which is recognized as the chief industry of Orwigsburg, claims foremost consideration. By far one of the largest and representative houses engaged in the manufacture of Boys', Youths', Little Gents, Misses', Childrens' and Infants fine shoes is the subject of this sketch, Messrs. A. E. Brown & Co. The business was established in 1883 by A. E. Brown and P. W. Fegley.

The equipment and plant is the most perfect for the production of the goods manufactured, giving the best results to be obtained both in economy of production and quality of product. The production of this plant is the standard in the trade.

Messrs. A. E. Brown and P. W. Fegley have been for many years actively engaged in the manufacture of shoes and the vast business of the house is a lasting source of credit to their executive ability, while it represents the most important development of the shoe industry in Orwigsburg. With ample capital for handling the mammoth trade which extends all through the west,

Massachusetts and Canada, and conducted by men of experience, enterprise and ability, the firm is one of the most substantial concerns in this section of the country, and has a potent influence in the development of this industrial center. The premises occupied comprise a two-story frame building covering an area of 40x91 feet and divided into the following departments, namely: office, cutting department, fitting department, packing or shipping rooms, stock room, making and finishing rooms. The various departments are equipped with the most modern machinery which is driven by steam power, the engine and boiler generating

fifty horse power. They employ a force of eighty skilled assistants while their output aggregates upwards of 1000 pairs per day.

These gentlemen are not only well and favorably known to the shoe trade throughout the country, but enjoy the distinction of being among the few who have built up the industrial portion of Orwigsburg.

OLDEST SHOE SALESMAN.

Mr. Peter Salem the oldest shoe traveling salesman in the world is salesman for the firm of A. E. Brown & Co., a sketch of whose business will be found on another page of this review. Mr. Salem started his trade in 1839 and is now 74 years old. He has sold to the shoe trade of New York and Pennsylvania for a great many years, and although well along in years he still keeps a pace ahead of some of the young traveling salesmen which fact could be demonstrated by comparing order books. He is well-known to the trade and is often called "Uncle Salem" and "Pop Salem," as well as other appropriate names. Among his list of patrons he can name several firms where he has sold the third generation. At the present time Mr. Salem resides at Binghamton, N. Y., and is conceded to be the oldest traveling man selling a line of boots and shoes on the road.

ALBERT E. BROWN.

Albert E. Brown, of the well-known firm of A. E. Brown and Company was born in Landingville, December 16th, 1855. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Orwigsburg, Pa., but most of his education was received by years of experience in the commercial world and from an observational standpoint. When a boy he entered the employ of Solomon Filler, of Orwigsburg, who was engaged in the building of Canal boats. He soon became his bookkeeper and clerk remaining in that capacity until 1874, when he entered the employ of the Orwigsburg Shoe Co., as a traveling salesman. In 1876 he associated himself with Mr. H. S. Albright under the firm name of Albright & Brown, manufacturers of Childrens' and Misses' Shoes. They continued in partnership for four years when they dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Brown then spent two years in the employ of

Boot and Shoe jobbers and then entered into partnership with P. W. Fegley under the style of A. E. Brown and Company, manufacturers of boots and shoes. Mr. Brown is

a prominent Republican and served an unsolicited term as a borough councilman. He is a member of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, F. and A. M., and of the P. O. S. of A., of Orwigsburg. He has always been commendably active in promoting the progress and welfare of Orwigsburg and is a gentleman who by energy, enterprise and perseverance has gradually wended his way to the present high standing which he holds among a large number of friends; both in business and social circles

RESIDENCE OF A. E. BROWN

PERRY W. FEGLEY.

Perry W. Fegley, of the firm of A. E. Brown & Co., was born May 8th, 1855 in Orwigsburg. He was educated in the High Schools of that place and in the spring of 1871 he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter trade. He followed this but a short

time when he began as an apprentice of the tinsmith trade at which he worked until 1873. He then entered the employ of the Orwigsburg Shoe Company. Here he served a full apprenticeship of three years and was finally made a foreman of the factory and continued as such until 1883 when the firm of A. E. Brown & Co., was formed and Mr. Fegley then became a partner and has continued in that capacity ever since. Mr. Fegley is an active republican, and always takes a deep interest in educational and religious matters. He is a prosperous, energetic, honest business man and through his own efforts has won for himself a place of recognition among the business men of his native town.

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ORWIGSBURG KNITTING MILLS.

J. A. Scharadin, Prop., Manufacturer of Ladies Underwear.

This industry was established two and a-half years ago since which time the business has grown to vast proportions.

The premises utilized comprise a building covering an area of 48x38 feet where a competent force of twenty-two hands are employed.

The product of this house consists chiefly of ladies underwear, and the trade connection is very large and is steadily increasing, shipments being made to all parts of the United States. The machinery which consists of nine knitting and fifteen table machines is of the most modern make and is driven by steam power while the output aggregates upwards of one hundred and fifty dozen suits of light weight underwear per day. Mr. Scharadin was born in West Brunswick Twp., in 1858. He was educated there in the public schools after which he engaged in farming which he followed for five years. He then engaged in the manufacture of knit goods at W. Brunswick remaining there for some time, and finally moved to Orwigsburg where he has since conducted the business.

Mr J. A. Scharadin is a public spirited and enterprising business man who is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends.

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W. CLINTON KEPNER

W. Clinton Kepner, a prominent and representative shoe manufacturer of Orwigsburg was born near New Ringgold, Schuylkill County, September 18, 1859. After receiving a common school education in the public schools of Orwigsburg he entered the school-room as a teacher serving two terms from 1879 to 1881 in West Brunswick township. He then entered the employ of the Orwigsburg Shoe Company as a clerk and eventually went upon the road as a traveling salesman, for the company until 1885. He then became a member of the firm of Beck, Haeseler and Co., which continued until 1887 when Mr. Beck retired and the business continued under the firm name of Kepner, Haeseler & Co., until 1890, when Mr. Haeseler retired and was succeeded by Alexander Scott who has since continued in the business, the style of the firm being Kepner, Scott & Co. The premises occupied by the firm comprise a well equipped plant three stories high and covering an area of 40x90 feet. Here a force of over 90 hands are employed while the trade of the house extends throughout the west and southwest.

Mr. Kepner is a staunch Democrat, and has held various local municipal offices. He stands high in Masonry, being a member of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, F. and A. M.; Mountain City Chapter, No. 196. R. A. C., of Pottsville; and Constantine Commandery, No. 41 K. P. of Pottsville. He is an active member of the Lutheran church of which he is treasurer. Mr. Kepner is a man who has by enterprise and energy built up a business and social reputation in Orwigsburg which is well worthy of mention.

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J. H. LONG.

J. H. LONG,

Dealer in General Hardware, Wagons and

Wholesale Dealer in Coal Oil.

An important establishment forming a feature of the commercial activity and enterprise of Orwigsburg, and one which has borne a prominent part in advancing the business wealth and reputation of the town in the line it represents is that of Mr. J. H. Long, dealer in general Hardware, Stoves, Wagons of all kinds and wholesale dealer in Coal Oil. This house was established in 1891 by Mr. Long, the business at that time being conducted on Centre street. In 1897 Mr. Long moved into his new building situated on Liberty street, which is generally conceded to be the most complete store of its kind and the best in the county. The premises utilized comprise a handsome

two story building and basement equipped with elegant plate glass windows and show cases, the floor room of which aggregates 7,000 square feet. The stock carried is very large and comprehensive, comprising a complete line of general hardware, stoves, wagons of all kinds, farm implements, table and pocket cutlery, tin, agate and granite

ware, oil cloth and in fact everything known to the trade. In connection with the store is a large tin shop which is the only one in town, two large ware-houses situated on Mifflin street and measuring 18x50 and 24x50 feet in dimensions, the former being a two story building. Here a large and complete stock is constantly on hand. The oil tanks which are owned by Mr. Long are situated near the Lehigh Valley tracks and have a capacity of 8,000 gallons. The oil trade of this house is very extensive, it being delivered in large tank wagons throughout this section. A force of five competent and courteous assistants is constantly employed catering to the wants of the large and steadily increasing trade. Mr. Long was born in Bethel Township, Lebanon County, in 1864. He received his education in the high school of Fredericksburg after which he worked in the mines and at the age of 18 years he started an apprenticeship as tin smith serving two years. He then established a tin-shop at Pinegrove and conducted it for a year when he purchased the large hardware store of J. W. Minnig and carried on a very successful business for a period of four years.

He then sold out the business and became the proprietor of the Northwestern Hotel at Pottsville, remaining there nearly a year when he disposed of the business and founded the house he now so successfully conducts. The enterprising activity displayed by Mr. Long as well as his equitable and liberal manner of doing business has acquired for him a general popularity in the community, and we feel sure that all who have dealings with him will find them both pleasant and profitable.

HAESELER AND SON,

Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, East Market St.

Without exception the largest and best equipped house in Orwigsburg devoted to the dry goods and grocery trade is the above named. Extending over a period of eight years this firm have been before the public and its goods are conceded by all to be the standard of the trade.

The business was established in 1890 by Haeseler and Son. They are the successors of Alexander Scott who conducted the business for two years previous. The premises occupied comprise a commodious store 24 feet in dimensions which is connected in the rear by a large stock department. The store is elegantly equipped throughout having

every convenience for the successful prosecution of the trade. Here a large and comprehensive line of staple and fancy groceries and dry goods is carried. A specialty is made of fine teas and coffees such as the choicest brands of Japan, Oolong, Young Hysen, Gunpowder and English Breakfast; the finest brands of Java, Mocha and Rio Coffees; pure spices, canned goods, sugars, syrups, hermetically sealed goods, sauces, pickles, capons, olives and all the finest and recherche delicacies of the table; fresh dairy and creamery butter, etc., while the dry goods department is complete in every respect including a fine line of silks, satins, velvets, plushes, dress fabrics of every description, linens, woolens, hosiery, notions and in fact everything in the dry goods line.

The firm employ four courteous assistants and enjoy a large local trade.

Mr. Haeseler was born in Orwigsburg in 1845 where he received his education after which he acted in the capacity of clerk in a store at St. Clair, Pa. In 1862 he enlisted and served throughout the war. He then returned to Orwigsburg and was employed in Mrs. E. Beck's store. In 1880 the firm of Beck and Haeseler was formed for the manufacture of shoes. Later Mr. Kepner purchased an interest and the firm name changed to Kepner, Haeseler and Co. Mr. Haeseler has spent twenty years of his life as a travelling salesman.

Mr. H. B. Haeseler is a native of Cressona where he was born in 1870. He came to Orwigsburg, Pa., when young and finished his education after which he began his present business career.

The firm is a thoroughly responsible one and have always adhered to the old saying that good goods at the lowest prices is the most successful way in the end.

THE REHR SHOE COMPANY,

Manufacturers of Children's and Infants' Fine Turned Shoes.

The importance of Orwigsburg as a thriving industrial center is forcibly demonstrated in the various far-reaching developments of the large trade relations established by her noted manufactories. Their resources and energy are generally recognized, and in every way they successfully compete with those of other towns far greater in population.

The rise and progress of the manufacturing portion of Orwigsburg within the past decade has been remarkable, and the growth of the town may be wholly attributed to the large industries encompassed within her boundaries.

Representative among the industries thus referred to is that of the Rehr Shoe Company, which was established March 22d, 1898. The existing extensive establishment of this company is owned and controlled by Messrs. George A. Rehr, Thomas Shoener and H. Y. Gerhard, who have been identified with this particular line nearly all their lives, and who have, by persistent efforts, enterprise and conservatism, built up a business which will in a short space of time be as a business appellative, as inseparable from the commercial record of Orwigsburg and vicinity as is the picturesque valley of the Lehigh from the history and tradition of the section.

The factory of the company is situated on Centre Square, where a force of thirty competent assistants is employed.

The premises occupied comprise a cutting department 15x20 feet in area, where the uppers are cut ready for the stitching room. The latter room measures 25x30 feet in dimensions, and has an adjacent department forming an S, which covers an area of 16x20 feet. Here the majority of the force is employed, and upon entering this department, where the machines are humming continually, one could see at a glance the great importance this company is to the progress and welfare of the community.

The machinery used is of the most modern design, and is driven by steam, the engine and boiler generating fifty-five horse power.

The vast trade connection of the company extends throughout Pennsylvania and the Western States as far as Kansas. This fact alone gives evidence of the great volume of business transacted by this industry. Now that we have dwelt liberally on this industry and its importance, we'll go back to the gentlemen who are deserving of more than passing mention, and who have labored incessantly for the progress of the industrial and commercial portion of Orwigsburg, the members of the Rehr Shoe Company.

Mr. George Rehr was born in Orwigsburg in 1859. He was educated in the High Schools, and when but 13 years of age he left school and started as an apprentice in the shoe trade, which he has since followed, gradually working his way up to the present high standing he now holds. He has ever taken an active interest in the welfare of Orwigsburg, in business, social and political circles, and during President Cleveland's second term he served four years and five months as postmaster of this town. In February, 1898, he was elected Councilman for a term of three years, which office he has so far filled in a most satisfactory manner.

Mr. Rehr is also a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A., the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Thomas Shoener is a native of West Brunswick, where he was born in 1861. He came to Orwigsburg in 1874, where he completed his education in the High School, after which he turned his attention to the shoe trade, which he has since followed. For a period of 18 years he was employed with H. S. Albright & Co., this alone being convincing proof of his practical ability in this line. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and American Mechanics, and stands high in business and social circles.

Mr. H. Y. Gerhard was born in West Brunswick in 1868, and was educated in the High School of Orwigsburg. After finishing his schooling he followed various pursuits, one among which was the real estate business, which he conducted successfully up to the time he became identified as a member of the present firm. He has always been among the foremost to promote the welfare of any community in which he ever resided, and is looked upon in Orwigsburg as one of its most enterprising hustlers. He is also a member of the Order of American Mechanics. To sum up in brief, the gentlemen comprising the Rehr Shoe Company are buisness men of much ability, thoroughly conversant with every detail of commercial and financial life.

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C. W. EDWARDS,

Groceries and Dry Goods.

Prominent among Orwigsburg's rising representatives of the retail trade is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

The premises occupied are situated on Centre Square and comprise a two-story frame building covering an area of 20x40 ft. where a large and complete line of staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, notions, etc., may be found. This business was established in 1892 by Mr. Edwards on the site opposite where he is now located. Here he conducted the business successfully until 1895 when he moved into his present quarters. He deals mostly in groceries and enjoys a large and steadily increasing trade. Courteous assistants will always be found here while the prices quoted are very reasonable. Mr. Edwards was born in Ringgold Township in 1860. He came to this town when very young and completed his education, after which he followed various pursuits up to the time he purchased his present business which was formerly owned by Mr. Beck. He is a prominent member of the order of American Mechanics and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.

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GEORGE PAXSON.

Dealer in Groceries and Provisions.

If judicious enterprise and energetic management are a guarantee of success, no one has a more brilliant prospect in Orwigsburg than has Mr. George Paxson the subject of our sketch. The premises occupied by the above named gentleman are conveniently located on Liberty and cover an area of 20x75 feet where a large and well assorted stock is constantly on hand, consisting of choice fancy and staple groceries, country produce, and provisions, teas, coffees, flour, fresh eggs and butter; cocoas, chocolates, spices, etc.; the best brands of canned goods, table delicacies, sauces, relishes, hermetically sealed goods, and in fact everything known to the grocery trade.

Mr. Paxson is a strict adherent to the cash basis of doing business and pays cash for his goods thus saving the middleman's profits and enabling him to sell his goods at the most reasonable prices.

Although having but just started in business in the spring of the present year in Orwigsburg, he has succeeded in establishing a large and influential trade connection, and

unless all signs fail—the business under his careful management will continue in the future as it has in the past.

The business was originally founded by Samuel Trout, several years ago, who conducted it up to the time Mr. Paxson became proprietor.

Mr. Paxson is a native of Philadelphia where he was born in 1836. In 1849 he came to Schuylkill Haven with his parents at which place he finished his education, after which he engaged in the farming and saw mill business in Germantown, Pa., carrying on a very extensive business there until 1870 when he returned to Schuylkill Haven and embarked in the cultivation of flowers, plants, etc. In 1878 he moved to Pinegrove, Pa., where he conducted a general store until the spring of 1898 when he purchased his present business. Mr. Paxson is a man of strict integrity and enterprise and his past successful career is a well-merited recognition of his ability to conduct a business on a thoroughly paying basis.

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CHARLES W. STAEHLE,

Baker and Confectioner.

Prominent among the well established and representative houses in this particular line in Orwigsburg is that of Mr. Chas. W. Staehle, Baker and Confectioner whose store is situated on the corner of Warren and Centre Square. The business was first established on West Market St, where he conducted it for three years and then moved to his present location. The premises occupied comprise a commodious store 33x120 feet in area where a large and complete line of goods are constantly kept on hand which for purity and excellence cannot be excelled by any other house throughout the country. Mr. Staehle employs three courteous assistants and has two delivery wagons which

are busy continually delivering the goods to his many patrons. We desire to call special attention to the fact that. under the able management of Mr. Staehle this house has gained its present reputation and is acknowledged by all to be one of the most extensive concerns of its kind in this section which is a well-merited recognition of his ability to cater to a first class public.

Mr. Staehle was born in Pottsville in 1864, where he was educated after which he went to Philadelphia and learned his trade. He left Philadelphia in 1882 and went to Chicago remaining there until 1885 when he returned to Pottsville and from that time on he followed various pursuits up to the time he located permanently in Orwigsburg.

He is a member of several orders as follows: American Mechanics; Sons of America; Odd Fellows, and the Friendship Hose Company. Mr. Staehle is a man of sterling business qualities and through his energy and integrity has won the esteem of all who have business dealings with him.

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LEWIS SMITH,

Planing Mill and Wooden Box Factory, Carpenter and Contractor.

The development of Orwigsburg within the past few years has progressed rapidly, and as a necessary and indispensable consequence the development of its industries has been proportionate. Among the leading industrial establishments here special reference should be made to that of Mr. Lewis Smith, contractor and builder, whose planing mill and yard is situated on Warren street. This gentleman was born in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county in

1862 where he received his education and served an apprenticeship in the manufacturing of brooms, following that for a period

of eight years. He then turned his attention to the carpenter and building trade which he followed for five years in his native town, finally locating in Orwigsburg where he has since built a most substantial business connection. Many of the finest buildings in this vicinity are the product of his skill and activity. They are remarkable for the thoroughness of the work done, the excellence of the materials used, and the faithful adherence to the plans and specifications of the designer. Mr. Lewis is the owner of the premises occupied by him and which he built himself, and these comprise a planing mill covering an area of 32x46 feet, equipped with the most modern planing mill machinery the engine and boilers generating forty horse power while the capacity of the plant aggregates 100,000 boxes per annum. These boxes are manufactured for the shoe trade of Orwigsburg. A specialty is made of the manufacture of sash doors and blinds, this also being carried on extensively. Besides the planing mill there is a lumber shed 20x30 feet in dimensions where a large stock of lumber is constantly carried. Mr. Smith employs a force of six competent assistants and has a large and steadily increasing trade which he now enjoys. He is a gentleman of courteous address and is held in the highest esteem by the community for his inflexible integrity.

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A. F. KIMMEL.

Gardener, Creamery and Dairy, Orwigsburg.

Extending over a period of fifteen years of prosperity sums up in brief the business career of Mr. A. F. Kimmel. The premises owned and occupied by Mr. Kimmel cover over one hundred and forty acres of land,

plans and is equipped with every facility for the successful prosecution of the business. The machinery used is of the very latest design and is driven by steam, the engine having six horse power and the boiler twelve. Here a force of six competent

ery butter while farm produce of all kinds may here be obtained.

the same kind in York County, Pa., which

is conducted by his partner Mr. Wm. M. Dodson. The creamery in the last named place is conceded to be the finest in the state and is run by steam power, the engine and boiler generating thirty-five horse power. The business here is conducted on an extensive scale and extends throughout Pottsville, Minersville and vicinity. Mr. Kimmel was born in West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill county where he was educated. After finishing his schooling he began life on a farm which he has successfully followed ever since.

He is a prominent member of the Junior Mechanics order and has a creditable reputation as an enterprising and honorable business man.

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THOMAS HOY,

Proprietor Fair View Farm.

Fair View Farm which is situated in the near vicinity of Orwigsburg is by far one of the largest and best conducted farms in Schuylkill County. The proprietor Mr. Thomas Hoy is one of the most influential citizens of Orwigsburg and in all matters of public interest which would eventually promote the welfare and progress of the community Mr. Hoy was always one of the foremost and effectual workers. Although he had many obstacles to contend with he battled against them all and usually triumphed as will be seen by the fact that he succeeded in inaugurating reform in school matters and borough improvements until he finally opened the eyes of his fellow citizens and they elected him to the office of Burgess for two successive terms. During his two terms in office he secured a new borough charter under which ordinances were passed and carried into effect such as repairing the streets and sidewalks and putting down street crossings and in fact adding many needed improvements which were essential to a place that had any local pride about it. As a successful farmer he is unequalled in this section and owns one of the most beautiful tracts of farming land within a radius of many miles comprising about one hundred and seventeen acres. It is admirably adapted to stock raising, dairy, purposes of general farming. The dwelling is a handsome two-story structure elegantly furnished throughout and is enhanced by a beautiful lawn, elegant flower gardens, fancy fences and paved pathways, while the outer buildings are commodious and well equipped to carry on the important branches of butchering, curing meats and ice cream making all of which Mr. Hoy conducts.

In 1873 he with another gentleman started the first shoe factory in Orwigsburg. They travelled east and visited some of the shoe industries in East Pennsylvania where they gained some knowledge of the business and then they leased the old Court House for 99 years at $1.00 per year. Before the business was started, however, it became a stock company and went into operation under the necessary charter. This was much against the wishes of Mr. Hoy, but he was made treasurer and general financial manager of the company, and under his management the business paid 7 per cent the first five months, and 33 per cent. the following six months showing a very satisfactory result under Mr. Hoy's management. The question of issuing stock to the amount of $25,000 was finally agitated by the shareholders and was so much disapproved by Mr. Hoy that he offered his share of the lease to the company and subsequently sold his stock and retired.

Mr. Hoy justly claims the distinction of starting the first industry in Orwigsburg and from this small beginning has grown many others which now represents a hustling and thriving manufacturing community.

Mr. Hoy was born in Manheim township in 1833 and although quite well along in years he still attends to business and enjoys a most successful one too.

DR. ELIAS SNYDER,

Veterinary Surgeon, Dentist, Livery and Transfer.

In this connection we desire to make special reference in the commercial review of Orwigsburg to the reliable and well conducted stables of Dr. Elias Snyder. The stables are centrally located on Liberty street while the doctor's office is on Centre Square. The stables are commodious, well lighted and ventilated, and perfectly drained, and every care and attention are given by experienced stablemen to the horses. The stock of horses kept for hire to the number of six are in constant requisition for pleasure and business driving, while vehicles of every kind can here be obtained at lowest prices. A leading feature is the furnishing of carriages for pleasure parties, transfer, etc. The stables are open at all hours of the day and night, and all orders receive prompt attention.

Dr. Snyder employs three courteous assistants and has a most substantial trade as well as a large and lucrative practice in his chosen profession. As a veterinary surgeon he stands foremost in this vicinity and wherever his services have been required he has met with a most flattering reception especially among those owning valuable horses whose treatment in sickness can only be entrusted to the most skilled and successful in the veterinary profession. Dr. Snyder is a native of Lynn township, Lehigh county.

He was graduated from the Columbia Veterinary college of New York in 1885 and now holds the office of Assistant State veterinary surgeon of Pennsylvania. Dr. Snyder is greatly respected in business and social circles for his strict integrity and is regarded as a most influential citizen.

EDWARD SHOENER,

Contractor and Builder, Cor. Wayne and Tammany Streets.

One of the leading contractors and builders and most prominent citizens of Orwigsburg is the subject of this sketch, Mr. Edward Shoener. Mr. Shoener carries on a general contracting and building business and employs from two to five competent assistants the year round.

In connection with the business he conducts a large and finely equipped lumber

shed and yards, the dimensions of which are 56x134 feet and where a complete stock of all kinds of lumber may be found.

Mr. Shoener also caters to the repairing trade and has built up a most enviable reputation as a man of thorough practicable ability in his line. Many of the finest designed buildings in this section were erected by him and are well worthy of commendation. Since Mr. Shoener started in business in Orwigsburg he has succeeded in building up a large and substantial trade connection in this vicinity. He is a native of West Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County where he was born in 1844 and where he received his education at the age of twenty. He enlisted in the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry and served one and one-half years during which time he helped to capture Petersburg. After the war he followed various pursuits until 1883 when he came to Orwigsburg and learned his trade which he has since followed. He is a prominent member of the Jr. American Mechanics and the G. A. R. Mr. Shoener is a gentleman who by enterprise and progressiveness has not only built up a successful business, but is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of business, political and social friends.

J. H. G. BRADFORD,

Marble and Granite Monumental Works.

In few branches of trade has the march of progress wrought such a veritable resolution of late years as in the marble and granite business, and a representative house in this line in Orwigsburg is that of Mr. J. H. G. Bradford, whose place of business is centrally located on West Market street. The reputation and trade of this house represents the results of honorable and successful efforts, and Mr. Bradford upholds a front-rank position in the line represented.

The business so successfully conducted by this gentleman was originally established by Mr. O. S. Heist in the fall of 1886, who conducted same until 1897, when he was succeeded by the present proprietor. The commodious quarters are equipped with every modern facility for rapid, systematic and

successful work in all branches of the business. Mr. Bradford is at all times prepared to furnish marble and granite monuments of any grade desired, from the plainest to the most elaborate, devoting particular attention to cemetery and memorial work of all kinds. Specimens of his artistic handiwork and genius, not only in execution but in design, may be seen in many of the leading cemeteries throughout the county. Artistic designs are furnished upon application, and orders and commissions are filled at the shortest notice and at very reasonable prices.

Mr. Bradford was born in Montgomery county in 1857. He received his education in Berks county and in 1877 he went to Lehigh county where he learned his trade. Since he came to Orwigsburg he has made many friends both in business and in social circles and it may also be said that he is a man of sterling business qualifications, enterprising and an accomplished master of his art.

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DR. G. K. BINKLEY,

Physician and Druggist, Centre Square.

Dr. Binkley established this store in 1886, although he has practiced in Orwigsburg for a period of twenty-six years. The premises owned and occupied by the Doctor comprise a handsome three-story building covering an area of 31x50 feet. The building is the finest equipped in this section and is unsurpassed by any in the county, having a magnificent labratory, wine cellar and stock rooms; his own gas machines, oil house, long distance 'phone, while the general equipment of the store is the most modern including elegant French plate windows, mirrors and show cases and highly polished counters and enclosed shelving where a large and complete stock of drugs, patent medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, toilet goods may be found. The prescription department is under the personal supervision of Dr. Binkley. As a physician

he is unsurpassed in this section and has a large and lucrative practice, making a specialty of treating the eyes. Dr. Binkley was born in Berks County in 1846. He was educated in Kutztown, Pa., Normal School; Myerstown Academy and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1873. He then came to Orwigsburg since which time he has built up a successful business and an enviable reputation.

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THE HARLEM HOUSE.

D. R. Schall, Prop.

A representative and popular hotel of Orwigsburg is the above named place, which is conducted by Mr. D. R. Schall, and situated on Centre Square, corner Market. Mr. Schall established this house in 1892, since which time he has built up a prosperous business. The premises occupied cover an area of 66x75 feet, and have 25 rooms, all equipped with every modern convenience.

The dining room and parlors are light and airy, as are all the rooms in the house. The rates are $1.50 per day, while special rates for weekly boarders may be had.

The table is always supplied with the very best of everything, and the service is excellent in every respect. A force of from 6 to 12 courteous assistants is employed catering to the wants of the guests. Mr. Schall also caters to the commercial trade.

He was born in Orwigsburg, Pa., in 1860, where he received he is education. From 1886 to 1889 he was landlord of the Central Hotel, where the bank building now stands. He is also the inventor of a patent pulley to prevent belts from slipping, which sold on the road for a year.

Owing to serious illness in the family Mr. Schall has offered the place for sale at a nominal price.

Mr. Schall is a prosperous and enterprising business man, and is held in high esteem by the entire community.

ORWIGSBURG FAIR GROUNDS.

CHAS. N. BODEY.

Furniture and Undertaker, W. Market St.

Among the most successful business establishments in Orwigsburg a prominent position must be assigned Mr. Chas. N. Bodey whose large furniture and undertaking emporium is situated on West Market St.

This business was established in 1 67 by himself, covering a period of over 51 years of uninterrupted succ.ss. In 1893 he built the large four story building which he now occupies. This building is built in a most modern manner and covers an area of 33x 85 feet. Mr. Bodey occupies the entire building and basement, using the latter as a storage rooms, while the other four floors are used as showrooms. Here a large stock of everything known to the trade and profession can be found including the very best makes of furniture and caskets, while courteous assistants are always ready and willing to show patrons and visitors through the store.

Mr. Bodey has an excellent reputation as a practical undertaker and his stock of furniture, etc., are favorably known to the trade which is large and steadily increasing.

Mr. Bodey is also the proud owner of a large and complete museum of historical relics which is situated on the third floor of his residence on Center Square. A visit to this department of historical pieces is indeed a rare treat to lovers of curiosities of every description, some of which date back centuries ago and are highly valued by their owner. In this museum there are perhaps many thousand relics and to give a complete list of them would take far too much space, but among the most notable of these are the sculls of the mound builders found near Rochester, N. Y., articles of

every description which at one time belonged to the famous Indian Chief Sitting Bull, Mexican relics and idols which were worshipped by them, ancient Arabian guns and pirate pistols, minerals and shells of every description. Here is also the skull of the first white man hung in Schuylkill County, for murdering his grand-parents. Another feature is a miniature chair carved from a chip of wood which came from the Island of St. Helena and was taken from the famous willow tree which Napoleon cherished so much. Many other miniature articles carved from small pieces of wood that possessed a historical name were designed and cut out by Mr. Bodey, who is a natural born genius with the knife.

Another notable feature is the large collection of American and foreign coins, while the ancient old grandfather's clocks, some of which were made as far back as 1771 and 7 or 8 feet high are a wonderful curiosity by themselves. He collected these nearly fifty-five years and year by year he keeps adding to the large collection. Visitors from all parts of the county when coming to Orwigsburg always make this variety museum a point of interest and it's surely worth one's time to pay a visit to this room of historical mementoes. Mr. Bodey was born in West Brunswick Township in 1834. He received his education in Orwigsburg and in 1856 he established a confectionery store which he conducted until "61" when he enlisted and went to the front with Philip Nagle's 39th Volunteers.

In 1867 he bought out Thomas Wagner and has conducted the business ever since.

Mr. Bodey is a courteous and pleasant gentleman thoroughly conversant with every detail of commercial and financial life and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to the welfare and progress of Orwigsburg.

GEO. W. KETNER,

Manufacturer of Paper Boxes, 108 Warren St.

One of the most important industries in Orwigsburg forming a feature of the thriv-

ing activity which has made this town most prominent in the eyes of the manufacturing world is the manufacture of all kinds of paper boxes. We refer in particular to the large plant of George W. Ketner, manufacturer of paper boxes for shoes, hosiery, confectionery, shirts, underwear, &c., whose plant is located at 108 Warren street.

Mr. Ketner established this business Oct. 1st, 1891, and since its early inception it has been known as one of the most potent factors of industrial Orwigsburg.

The premises occupied consist of a frame building and basement covering an area of 26x200 feet. The basement is used as a stock and cutting department, while the rest of the building is used as a finishing and papering or covering department. The office which is near the entrance in front, is well appointed and equipped with all conveniences. The factory is equipped with the latest and most modern paper box machinery, which is driven by steam power generating twelve horse power. These machines were first introduced in Orwigsburg by Mr. Ketner, the boxes heretofore having to be made by hand. The output of boxes aggregates from 5,000 to 6,000 per day, while the plant has a capacity of 10,000 per day. Mr. Ketner supplies nearly all of the shoe industries of Orwigsburg with boxes besides shipping large quantities throughout the surrounding country. He employs a force of fourteen competent assistants the year round, which shows conclusively what an important adjunct this industry is to Orwigsburg. The quality and finish of these boxes are above reproach, and are the subject of complimentary note wherever intro-

duced Mr. Ketner was born in Norwegian township, Schuylkill County, March 25th, 1857. He received part of his education in his native town, but left there in 1866 for

Reading, Pa., where he finished the same. He finally turned his attention to the railroad business, which he followed for three years as engineer on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. After relinquishing his position with this company he began the manufacture of paper boxes in Reading, which he has since followed. While in

which he conducted successfully for some time. He came to Orwigsburg in 1891, and resumed the manufacture of paper boxes, which he has since followed. While in Reading Mr. Ketner was very popular, and served nearly eight years on the Twelfth

Ward School Board, which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the people. He is a man who has, by his straightforward and honorable career, merited the respect and the good will of all those with whom he has come in intimate contact. He is one of Orwigsburg's most public-spirited citizens,

and is always among the foremost to support any project which will benefit the town.

Mr. Ketner is also a prominent member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Sons of America.

M. E. CAMPBELL,

Plumbing, Steam and Hot Water Heating.

No business requires a more thorough knowledge of details than that which relates to the sanitary condition, heating and ventilating of our houses and public buildings. Of late years these subjects have received the careful study of scientific men, who make these objects a specialty, and the perfection to which their efforts have been brought is the best comment upon the intelligence, which has very apparently predisposed them. In this important business Mr. M. E. Campbell, whose place of business is conveniently located on Liberty St., has achieved a most enviable reputation, and his establishment has become recognized as one of the leading and best equipped in the county.

The premises occupied cover an area of 33x128 feet where his residence is situated, while on the left of the house is the plumbing shop. Here will be found all the latest and most modern machinery for the successful prosecution of the trade. Mr. Campbell enjoys a most substantial trade connection, extending throughout this entire section. Estimates are promptly and cheerfully furnished, and contracts of the largest magnitude satisfactorily completed at figures which will favorably compare in point of moderation with those quoted by any similar first class house situated within the boundaries of Schuylkill county. Mr. Campbell was born in Philadelphia in 1866, where he received his education and learned his trade. In 1883 he went to Schuylkill Haven,

and was employed with Mr. Z. T. Hendricks, and while there he helped to put in the city water works, which were constructed in 1885. He established his present business in Orwigsburg in 1887, and in 1890 he erected the building which he now occupies. Mr. Campbell has acquired a thorough and

practical knowledge of the business he now pursues, which may be proven by the fact that every bit of plumbing in the houses or public buildings of Orwigsburg has been done by him. In conclusion, we

may safely state that in every branch of his business he is prepared to compete with any contemporary establishment in the same line, and that business relations entered into with his house are sure to prove as pleasant as they will be advantageous to all concerned.

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HEISLER AND COMPANY,

Livery, Stage and Transfer Line.

This business was established about four years ago by Messrs. Jeremiah Heisler and H. P. Gerhard. The premises occupied are located on Liberty street and comprise a large barn 30x44 feet in dimensions, well lighted and drained and in every way clean; the sanitary condition being excellent.

The wagon house is a two-story frame structure covering an area of 40x58 feet. Here a fine aggregation of elegantly equipped vehicles may be found. The firm keeps thirteen horses for hire at the most reasonable prices while a force of courteous hostlers and grooms are always on hand. They also carry on a large express business and general teaming while their trade is very large and extends throughout the entire section. Mr. Heisler was born in Walker township where he received a preliminary schooling after which he attended the Normal school at Kutztown, Pa. He taught school for two terms and then engaged in farming. In 1890 he came to Orwigsburg where he has since resided. Mr. Gerhard is a native of West Brunswick township where he was born in 1862. After receiving an education in the High schools of the latter place he worked on a farm for some time and came to Orwigsburg sixteen years ago. Both members of the firm are honest and upright business men and the large business they are doing is a good recognition of their ability and enterprise

JOHN T. SHOENER.

J. T. Shoener was born in South Manheim township, Schuylkill County, April 5, 1850. He received an elementary schooling in Or-

wigsburg, Pa., and completed his studies at Hennepin, Ill. He then began life as a teacher which he followed six years after which he with two other gentlemen started

the shoe industry in Orwigsburg which was in 1873. He followed this business five years and then sold his interest. At this time he ran on the Republican ticket for the Legislature and was elected one term which he served in a very satisfactory manner. He then returned to manufacturing shoes and continued in that businesss until 1886 when he was nominated for Senator, but was defeated by the small majority of 73 votes in a Democratic stronghold of over 2,500 voters.

In 1890 he was nominated for Congress, but was again defeated by a small majority. He was then appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms at Harrisburg, serving the term of 1895, during which time he was the instigator of establishing the Miners' Hospital which was the first to be established in the world. In 1896 Mr. Shoener was elected Clerk of the Courts of Schuylkill County which office he still holds. Mr. Shoener also conducts a general farming business in Orwigsburg and employs several hands constantly. He is a gentleman of entire probity,energy and integrity and is among those men who always labor zealously for the progress and welfare of the community in which they live. As a public speaker Mr. Shoener has much ability and is often called upon to address meetings both political and otherwise in his native town and elsewhere.

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H. W. FEHR,

General Store, Landingville, Pa.

This business was established in 1894 by the above named gentleman. The building occupied is a very commodious one covering an area of 22x85 feet and fitted up with many conveniences for the successful prosecution of the trade while the stock carried is at once very large and includes a general line of dry goods, groceries, fancy and staple, notions, dairy products and in fact everything known to the trade The business although local is a successful one and is steadily increasing from year to year. Mr. Fehr was born in 1870 in Landingville, where he received his early education and then attended the Kutztown Normal School, three spring terms. In 1891 he was graduated from Eastman College after which he worked in Hamburg for two years and then returned to Landingville where he established his present business.

He is a prominent member of the P. O. S. of A. and stands high in business and social circles.

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MRS. B. E. DRUMHELLER,

General Store, Landingville, Pa.

For over 30 years this house has been before the public and it suggests a business career of honorable dealing and low prices.

The business was first established by Mr. B. E. Drumheller who conducted it until his death in 1890, when Mrs. Drumheller became proprietor. The premises occupied comprise a large and conveniently equipped store 50x75 feet in dimensions where a comprehensive stock of fancy and staple groceries, dry goods, notions, etc., dairy and farm produce may be obtained.

Two courteous assistants are employed while the trade connection is local. In connection with the store is the post office which is also conducted by her. Mrs. Drumheller was born in Landingville in 1838 where she was educated and married in 1855. Her husband established the business in 1858. She is ably assisted by her daughter Miss S. I. Drumheller, who was also born and educated in Landingville.

The goods carried by this house have always been noted for their purity and uniform excellence while the prices charged are the most reasonable.

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MADISON HOUSE, LANDINGVILLE, PA.

George A. Heim, Propr.

This popular hotel was established by Mrs. Welsh, who conducted same until January 1898 when Mr. Heim purchased the place. The premises comprise a two story frame building 40x50 feet in area and having twelve available rooms for guests is at once a most delightful place to board. The rooms are all light, airy and well ventilated while the bar is stocked with the very choicest brands of wines, liquors and cigars.

In connection with the hotel is a well equipped livery and boarding stable where the most reasonable rates are charged.

Mr. Heim caters to the commercial trade and makes a specialty of board by the week.

He was born in Landingville in 1861 where he received his education. He then began life in the railroad business with the P. & R. R. Company which he followed up to the time he became proprietor of the Madison House. Mr. Heim is a popular and enterprising landlord and those who ever stop with him are sure to come again when visiting Landingville.

Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE West Branch with the main stream of the Schuylkill River, arises the picturesque eminence upon whose base, sides and top reposes the beautiful Borough of Schuylkill Haven, with its many comfortable homes, its magnificent churches and numerous factories, the hum of whose machinery makes cheerful music for and gives employment to hundreds of its industrious men, women and children. At this town the busy Mine Hill branch of the P. & R. Railway, connects with the Main Line of that railroad and supplies it with many long trains of coal and freight which are hauled here to this distributing terminal from Williamsport, and other points north and west and there consigned to their destinations. The main line has its northern terminus at Pottsville which is but four miles north, and over it frequent passenger trains pass to and from Philadelphia, all of which stop at the Schuylkill Haven station. Great trains of coal and freight are made up at Schuylkill Haven and consequently hundreds of well-paid and thrifty railroad employees reside here in houses owned in their own right, which help to make Schuylkill Haven one of the liveliest towns in this section of the State.

ITS MANY RAILROADS.

In addition to the Reading system, the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads intersect the town, over which coal and freight, and passenger trains are carried day and night from the north and south. These railroad facilities are supplemented by the electric railway line which connects Pottsville and adjacent towns to the north with Orwigsburg and Adamsdale and contiguous country on the south. Schuylkill Haven therefore lacks no facilities for locomotion by rail, nor does it by means of public thoroughfares, for well constructed roads stretch out in every direction of the compass and tap one of the most wealthy and prosperous agricultural districts in that most fertile section, whose well-to-do and thrifty people make Schuylkill Haven their mart of trade.

SITES FOR INDUSTRIES.

Large and expansive meadows easily drained grace the base of the hill upon which this prosperous town is erected, which afford ample room and facilities for the erection and operation of the most extensive industrial operations. Sites can be obtained at a reasonable cost and every inducement is held out by the permanent and wealthy citizens of the town to encourage their location. Upon these plains are erected the large car repair shops of the P. & R. railroad and the round house for stabling the engines of that company. The shops give employment to many of the most prosperous citizens.

The borough of Schuylkill Haven is no mushroom town. It has not sprung up in a night to fade away at the rising of the morning sun. Its settlement has been natural and its growth consistent and permanent. Its earliest history antedates the war of the Revolution. At that early day Martin Dreibelbies of Berks County erected a saw mill along the banks of the Schuylkill. In 1811 Jacob Dreibelbies plotted the town

and by an act of the Assembly, approved May 23, 1840 the growing village was incorporated into a borough.

ITS PLENTIFUL WATER SUPPLY.

One of the great essentials to the success of an industrial community is water and plenty of it to be served at a minimum cost. These essentials are to be found at Schuylkill Haven. The Schuylkill Haven Gas and Water Company is a corporation that is in sympathy with the forward movement of the town. Its managers realize that an increased population means additional customers and larger revenue. Acting upon that theory, they have fixed the rates at as low a figure compatible with a good and inexhaustable supply. This they possess, with a large dam and two reservoirs and pumping station with a present daily capacity of a half million gallons. The supply is obtained from the sparkling mountain springs in the Panther valley. The supply can be increased at a very little cost. The system embraces over twelve miles of water mains.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

This company is also the owner of a large gas plant which was erected in 1882. From it, like its water works, is supplied not only the residents of Schuylkill Haven but also those of Cressona, a borough of over three thousand inhabitants which adjoins and which with Schuylkill Haven is virtually a twin borough. The capacity is three times that which is required of it. The officers of the Water and Gas works are Joshua Clayton, President; G. S. Moyer, Secretary and Treasurer and W. H. Mellon, Superintendent.

The streets are illumined by a most modern system of electric arc lighting, which lights are distributed throughout every section of the town. The progress of the municipality has kept pace with that of the most enterprising of its citizens. Its churches represent almost every denomination and its public schools are of the best in the land. The town therefore affords every facility for factories, which is demonstrated by the many plants established within the past few years: and its healthful climate and pure water with its pleasant homes, excellent schools and magnificent churches offer every inducement to those who desire a happy and contented home.

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DR. DANIEL DECHERT.

Dr. Daniel Dechert was born in Jackson township, Lebanon county, February 7, 1846. He attended the public schools of that township and later attended the Myerstown Academy. During the summer months he was employed on the farm and on the Union canal.

At the outbreak of the war he tried to enlist, but was rejected on account of his age. He served with the 31st Pennsylvania militia, which were known as the emergency troops during 1863, and the following year he re-inlisted in the 186th Pennsylvania regiment. He served until August 1865 when he was honorably discharged. He then returned home, where he taught school and studied medicine under Dr. Tryons of Rehersburg, Berks county. In 1869 he entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and was graduated therefrom in 1871. He began to practice his chosen profession at once and located at Cressona, Schuylkill county, where he remained until 1889, when he came to Schuylkill Haven and has since practiced here.

He served as a member of the Cressona school board for a period of seventeen years, and in 1893 was elected to the county treasurership on the Republican ticket. He has always taken an active interest in the coun-

cils of his party, and held the appointment of physician at the almshouse from 1878 to 1880, and again in 1884.

Dr. Dechert is too well and favorably known in this locality to need any special mention. Suffice it to say, that he fully merits the large patronage he enjoys in his profession and the citizens of Schuylkill Haven have cause to congratulate themselves that he has established himself in their midst.

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BOWEN AND REED.

Manufacturers of Ladies Summer Weight Underwear, Union Street.

As a contributor to the reputation of Schuylkill Haven and as one of the largest and leading manufactories the above named firm stands pre-eminent. Although having been established but a short time it has, since its inception grown to enormous proportions as regards the amount of business transacted.

When a house engaged in this business has in so short a time made such a gigantic stride and enjoys the liberal patronage and popularity of the trade throughout the country, it is manifest that its management is characterized by integrity, knowledge and sound judgment. Such are the circumstances connected with the firm of Bowen and Reed.

The premises occupied by this firm are situated on Union street, comprising a commodious building 42x45 feet in dimensions and equipped with all the most modern machinery for the successful prosecution of the business. The first floor is used as a packing, shipping and knitting department where nine knitting machines are in constant operation. On the second or top floor a force of busy girls may always be seen operating the finishing machines, 12 in number, where the goods are finished ready for the market. The machinery is driven by steam power, the engine and boiler together aggregating 20 horse power. The firm employ a large force of skilled assistants, and in the busy seasons as high as 45 hands are employed. The quality of the goods here manufactured is the very best, while for strength and durability they are unsurpassed.

The house ships goods to all parts of the United States and wherever the goods are introduced they give great satisfaction.

Mr. J. A. Bowen was born in North Manheim township in 1853 where he received his education. He then began his business career on the farm and in the dairy business which he followed up to the time he engaged in the manufacture of underwear.

Mr. J. D. Reed is a native of Wayne township where he was born and educated. He then learned the shoe-makers trade and followed the same until he became associated with Mr. Bowen in the present industry. Both gentlemen are thoroughly conversant with every detail of commercial and financial life and with them at the helm of this business it is sure to succeed in the future as it has in the past.

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LUKE FISHER,

Dealer in Monuments and Headstones.

Mr. Fisher was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1864. He received his education here in the public schools after which he went to Reading and learned the business which he now follows. In 1881 he entered the employ of Mr. G. C. Lautenbacher who conducted the business on Main street where Becker's store now stands. He remained with him for nearly five years and in 1886 he purchased the business and conducted it on the same premises until August 1893 when he moved to his present location on the corner of Dock and Berger streets.

The yard and workshop have ample room for the successful prosecution of the business while the trade is very extensive and extends throughout the surrounding counties. Many monuments and headstones designed and finished by Mr. Fisher may be seen in the leading cemeteries in this section.

Mr. Fisher is highly esteemed in social and business circles for his strict integrity and honorable dealing and justly merits the liberal and influential patronage he enjoys. He is also Secretary of the Schuylkill Haven School Board.

D. F. HOY,

Dealer in Meats and Groceries, 206 Main St.

One of the leading and representative business houses in this section actively engaged in the grocery and meat business is Mr. D. F. Hoy whose well-stocked store is located at the above address. Mr. Hoy founded this business two years ago last April since which time he has succeeded in building up a large and substantial trade. The store is a neat and commodious one and well stocked with a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, and meats of all kinds while farm produce is extensively dealt in.

Mr. Hoy is a native of Orwigsburg, having been born there in 1863. He was educated in the public schools of that town after which he began life in the farming business. He followed that a short time when he engaged in the milk business which he successfully conducted for 17 years. He then started in the meat business in Schuylkill Haven remaining but two years when he moved to Pottsville and conducted a meat market there for six years, afterwards coming back to Schuylkill Haven and establishing his present business. Mr. Hoy is an enterprising and honorable business man and justly merits the success he has achieved.

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W. F. DOHERTY,

Manufacturer of Paper Boxes.

Of the many industrial establishments in Schuylkill Haven which give it its prominence as a center of thriving commercial activity none bears a more enviable reputation than the above named industry. The business was originally established by Geo. Moyer in 1887 who conducted it until 1888 when Mr. Doherty became proprietor. The premises occupied comprise a one-story frame building 36x66 feet in area and equipped with the most modern box making machinery to be found.

The product of this plant chiefly consists of boxes for underwear, but many confectionery and shoe boxes are also manufactured. These boxes are made of the very best material and are noted for their strength and general excellence.

The trade is mostly confined in this immediate section, yet many shipments go to outside towns and cities.

A force of nine competent assistants is employed, and the capacity of the factory is about 1,800 boxes per day.

Mr. Doherty was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1852. Here he received his education in the public schools after which he followed various pursuits until he became proprietor of his present business. He is a gentleman of affable disposition and is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the manufacture of paper boxes.

E. C. SAYLOR,

Dealer in Pianos, Organs, Musical Instruments and Stationery.

This successful business was established by Emma C. Saylor in 1881 and since its early inception a large and influential patronage has been enjoyed. The premises utilized comprise a three story brick building, while the store situated on the first floor is a commodious one and is equipped with every convenience for the successful prosecution of the business, including elegant polished counters, French plate show windows and show cases. The stock carried is a large and complete one, embracing the best known makes in pianos, organs, string instruments of all kinds, and in fact all kinds of musical instruments, while a large and complete stock of stationery is also carried.

The trade connection is a large one and is steadily increasing. Miss Saylor is a native of Schuylkill Haven and received her education here after which she embarked in her present business.

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SAMUEL ROWLAND,

Prospect Hill.

One of the most important adjuncts to Schuylkill Haven's varied industries is the large bleaching plant of Mr. Samuel Rowland situated on Prospect Hill. The business was established in 1897 by Mr. Rowland since which time a large and growing trade has sprung up. The premises occupied, comprise two one-story buildings, one 40x50 feet and another 20x80 feet in dimensions. Here most all the knit underwear, etc., Manufactured in Schuylkill Haven, Orwigsburg, Minersville, Auburn and Potts-

ville undergoes a process of bleaching which converts the garments into a pure white color, and removes all impurities.

The machinery used is of the most modern make, and is driven by steam of 58 horse power. Mr. Rowland employs a competent force of ten hands constantly. He was born in Lancaster, Eng., in 1859 where he received his education. In 1881 he came to America and worked at the machinists trade following that until 1897 when he came to Schuylkill Haven and established his present business. Since the inception of the business Mr Rowland has been recognized as a responsible, energetic and honorable business man, and the success he has achieved is a well merited recogn tion of his ability to conduct an industry of this magnitude.

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CHARLES WILTROUT,

Custom Tailor, Main street.

For many years the well-known tailoring establishment of Mr. Chas Wiltrout has enjoyed the reputation of being a leader in the particular line of trade it affects In 1851 the house was founded by the above named gentleman and since the early inception of the business it has been favorably known to the public as the most profitable place to buy clothing, the prices charged being the very lowest.

The premises occupied as shown on the corner of the cut are owned by Mr. Wiltrout and comprise a handsome three-story brick building and basement covering an area of 35x55 feet. Here a large and magnificently selected stock of the finest products in cloths, tweeds, cassimeres, silks, etc., chosen in the best markets for the Schuylkill Haven trade may be found, and the most fastidious patron can from them be suited on the shortest notice A force of four skilled hands are employed

providing the elegant garments for which this house is noted, and which are recognizable wherever seen by the fine quality of materials and the superior excellence of the cut, fit and workmanship. The trade done is large, and under the present active management is steadily increasing.

Mr. Wiltrout was born in Orwigsburg in 1831, where he was educated, after which he began to learn his trade in Schuylkill Haven and followed the business in this town ever since.

M. W. QUINTER,

Variety and Toy Store, 33 Main Street.

One of the most deservedly successful and representative business houses in this section is that of Mr. M. W. Quinter whose commodious store is located at the above address.

On the preceding cut Mr. Wiltrout's tailoring establishment is at the corner and Mr. Quinter's place of business is the second adjoining.

Mr. Quinter established this business three years ago since which time he has built up a most substantial trade connection. The store measures 15x33 feet in dimensions and is stocked with a complete line of toys of every description, notions, useful household articles, etc., while an important feature is the large 5 and 10 cent counters. In the rear a printing business is conducted, where all kinds of job work is turned out in a most satisfactory manner while low prices prevail. Another feature of the business is the wall paper department which is carried on quite extensively. Mr. Quinter was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1865. After finishing his education he learned the blacksmith trade which he followed for fourteen years, after which he embarked in his present business. He is also a prominent member of the Sons of America.

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K. E. FELIX.

Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries.

An important establishment forming a feature of the commercial activity and enterprise of this place, and one which has borne an important part in advancing the business wealth and reputation of Schuylkill Haven in the line it represents is that of K. E. Felix dealers in dry goods, staple and fancy groceries, glassware, etc. This business was established twenty-two years ago and since its inception it has grown to large proportions and the trade is very large and influential.

The premises occupied measure 23x60 feet in dimensions and are light, airy and commodious, and have elegant plate glass show windows and show cases, while the counters are finished in oak and highly polished.

Here will be found a well selected stock of dry goods, fancy goods, groceries, both staple and fancy, glassware and crockery, etc., and in fact everything known to the general store trade. A force of four courteous assistants is employed constantly catering to the many patrons. The business is under the able management of Mr. A. W. Felix, who was born in Minersville, Pa., in 1850. He was educated in the public schools of that place and then began his business career as a clerk in his father's store acting in that capacity until he opened this present business. Mr. Felix is a pleasant, courteous business man, prompt and reliable and all who have dealings with him will find them both pleasant and profitable.

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DAVID COMMINGS,

Dealer in General Groceries and Notions.

This business was founded twenty four years ago by the above named gentleman whose store is located at 231 Main street.

The premises occupied comprise a two story building, the store covering an area of 15x30 feet where a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and notions is carried.

The goods carried are the standard of the trade and are known for their general excellence. The prices quoted by Mr. Commings are always very reasonable and he enjoys a large and growing trade.

Mr. Commings was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1835 where he was educated and then learned the wheelwright's trade He never followed his trade, however and has conducted the grocery business all his life.

T. D. BROWNMILLER,

Marble and Granite Monuments, Tombstones, etc., Dock Street.

Mr. Brownmiller established this business in 1885 since which time he has built up a large and prosperous business.

His place of business is situated on Dock street, where he employs three skilled assistants who are kept constantly busy turning out the handsome monuments, headstones, etc. Mr. Brownmiller has achieved an enviable reputation for the first class work he does, and specimens of his designs and artistic work may be seen on the premises at any time, while the prices charged are very reasonable. He was born in Hamlin, Lebanon county, in 1856 where he received his education. He then entered the Myerstown College where he studied music and was graduated therefrom in 1881. He then began to teach music which he followed until his health failed and he had to give up his chosen profession. He then learned his present trade which he has since followed.

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D. E. STANTON,

Manufacturer of Ladies Light and Heavy Weight Underwear, Haven Street.

The premises occupied by Mr. Stanton are situated on Haven street, and comprise a large two-story frame factory covering an area of 35x50 feet where 350 dozen light and heavy weight suits of underwear is turned out every day. The machinery used in the production is the very latest and most modern design, affording every convenience and turning out the work in a most expeditious and satisfactory manner. A force of twenty-two skilled hands is here employed operating the machines which consist of fourteen knitters and thirteen finishing machines all of which are propelled by steam aggregating forty horse power. The trade con-

nection of this industry is very extensive and represents enterprise and activity on the part of Mr. Stanton who has achieved a reputation for handling the best quality of goods which are well and favorably known to the trade throughout the county.

Although the business has been established but three years it has so rapidly increased in proportions that it now stands as one of the largest and leading in this section.

Mr. Stanton was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1868 where he was educated. He then became station agent and operator for the Lehigh Valley R. R. Company where he remained until he founded his present business. He is an enterprising and progressive business man and richly deserves the success he has attained.

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E. H. BAKER,

Manufacturer of Ladies' Light and Heavy Weight Knit Underwear.

Extending over a period of ten years this industry has stood prominent in the eyes of the public as one of the most substantial and representative concerns in this section. It was established in 1888 by the above named gentleman since which time a large and steadily increasing business has been built up extending over a vast amount of territory, and as far west as California.

The premises occupied comprise a large two story frame building and basement covering an area of 40x62 feet. The basement is utilized as a packing and shipping department, also engine and boiler room, where the power used is steam, aggregating forty-two horse power.

The first floor is known as the knitting department where twenty knitting machines of the most modern manufacture are in constant motion, while the second or upper floor is used as a finishing department. Here a large force of girls is constantly employ-

ed running the finishing machines, twenty-five in number, and doing other light but necessary work in the department. This industry affords employment to from twenty five to thirty hands the year around, while the goods manufactured are known throughout the country for their superiority in quality and finish and general excellence.

Mr. Baker is a native of Berks county where he was born in 1844. Here he received his education after which he followed the boating business until the war broke out when he enlisted and served until peace was declared. He then engaged in the boating business again following that until he established his present business.

Mr. Baker besides being a most influential and prominent business man is a gentleman who is held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of social friends, and justly merits the success he has achieved.

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Z. T. HENDRICKS.

One of the most noteworthy and representative houses actively engaged in the boiler, engine and machine business in Schuylkill Haven is that of Mr. Z. T. Hendricks.

This business is conveniently located on Main street where the neat and commodious office and salesroom is, and which is supplied with a large stock of machine and electrical supplies, etc.

Mr. Hendricks deals in boilers and engines; electrical supplies of all kinds; pumps and tanks of wood and iron, shafting, hangers, wood and iron pulleys, belting, iron and brass goods, and all fixtures for water and steam; steam heating and machine works and plumbing in all its branches. The business was founded by Mr. Hendricks in 1870 since which time he has by enterprise, energy and liberal business management built up a trade connection which covers a vast territory and includes the most influential citizens of the surrounding country.

Mr. Hendricks has put up the machinery for nearly all the industries in this section, his trade extending throughout the Lehigh Valley, while many of the mills in Reading and Pottstown were supplied with machinery furnished by him.

He was born in 1849, and his parents were natives of Scotland. He never enjoyed the opportunities of an education like most boys and when very young he began the battle of life alone, employed at various pursuits.

He finally accepted a position with the American construction company and worked for them in New York, Williamsport, Pa., and Philadelphia, Pa., for a number of years. During that time he was a close

student of the business in all its branches, and thus acquired a great practical knowledge which has been proven by the success he has enjoyed in this vicinity.

Mr. Hendricks is noted for his sterling business methods as well as for the active interest he evinces in anything affecting the welfare of Schuylkill Haven, and the large and substantial business he has achieved is due wholly to his great and practical knowledge of the business in its every branch.

P. T. HOY,

Dealer in Dry Goods, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Notions, Etc.

It occurs in writing the business history of this section, we come in contact with some establishments whose phenomenal success cause wonderment, but when the cause is examined into it is usually found to be due to the fact that the proprietors thoroughly understand their business, its resources, its labyrinths and its artifices.

Apropos of the above remarks is the establishment of P. T. Hoy, centrally located on the corner of Main and St. John Streets. The premises occupied are commodious, neat and well appointed and comprise a three story brick building and basement, the store covering an area of 30x60 feet. The stock carried is very large, and embraces a complete line of everything known to the general store trade, including dry goods, groceries, fancy goods, notions, rockery and chinaware, men's furnishings, etc., etc.

The basement is built in a most modern manner, affording every convenience in loading and unloading the large reserve stock, which is carried.

Mr. Hoy employs three courteous assistants, who are constantly catering to the large and growing patronage which he enjoys. Mr. Hoy was born in Orwigsburg in 1855, where he was educated in the public schools. In 1875 he began his business career as clerk in the mercantile business, remaining as such until he embarked in business for himself. The building which he now occupies, as shown in the accompanying cut, was erected by him in 1894, and is considered one of the handsomest and

finest equipped buildings in this section. The enterprising activity and prudent management displayed by Mr. Hoy has won for him a most excellent reputation in business circles, and he is highly esteemed by a wide circle of social friends.

THE LOY HOUSE,

M. F. Loy, Proprietor.

For a period of thirty years this popular hostelry has been catering to the public and it is generally conceded to be one of the best equipped hotels in the county.

The premises occupied were built by M. Loy's father in 1863 who conducted the hotel until 1886 when Mr. Loy took possession.

The hotel is a large substantial and commodious building, two stories high and covering an area of 90x120 feet.

The rooms are all large, light and airy and all equipped with every modern improvement for the convenience of the guests.

The table is always supplied with the very choicest the market affords and the food is cooked by an experienced chef and served by polite, attentive and unobtrusive waitresses. The bar room is a model of completeness and the bar is stocked with the very choicest wines and liquors, beers, ales, porter and fine cigars.

The rates are very reasonable and the patronage of the house is large.

Guests having once stopped there are sure to call again when visiting Schuylkill Haven.

Mr. Loy was born in Schuylkill Haven on the premises he now occupies on the 9th of October, 1858.

He was educated here in the high schools after which he began to learn the hotel business with his father.

He is one of Schuylkill Haven's representative business men, and enjoys the high esteem of a wide circle of friends. As a member of the Odd Fellows and Sons of America he is very prominent.

PROF. GEORGE W. WEISS.

Professor Geo. W. Weiss superintendent of the schools of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania and one of the best known educators in the State was born in Milford township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, on January 25, 1844.

Mr. Weiss received a primary education in the public schools of Bucks county, which was followed by two sessions, beginning in 1861, at the select school of Dr. A. R. Horne in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. In 1865 he spent two terms at Freeland Seminary, located at Collegeville, Montgomery county, and in the fall of 1868 entered the State Normal school at Millersville, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in the elementary course in the class of 1870.

Simultaneously he pursued about half the studies of the scientific course.

Before his graduation he began teaching in Milford township, remaining there for seven or eight terms and also taught one of term in the Soldiers Orphan school, at Quakertown, and in 1870 was elected principal of the schools at Pt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, where he remained from 1870 to 1877. He then resigned and accepted the principalship of the schools at Schuylkill Haven, a more lucrative position, which he held until 1881, when he was first elected to the superintendency of Schuylkill County to which position he has been continuously elected up to the present time. His professional career as a teacher and superintendent includes a period of twenty-nine years, twenty-three of which have been spent in Schuylkill county.

Mr. Weiss' administration as County Superintendent has been marked with a zeal and fidelity, backed with professional skill and energy, which have brought the public schools of the county up to a standard unexcelled by those of any county in the state. Having spent a life time in the school room, the practical knowledge of his work has

given him confidence in the correctness and feasibility of his ideas, which have since, judged by their success, exhibited a rare foresight. He is not only leader in the county school affairs, but takes a great interest in the social, literary and religious welfare of the people resident at his chosen home, all of which has gained for him an enviable place in the hearts of all those with whom he comes in contact.

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CHARLES KELLER,

Custom Tailor and Dealer in Gents' Ready Made Wearing Apparel and Furnishings.

The premises occupied by the above named gentleman comprise a three-story building 30x60 feet in dimensions, where a large and well selected assortment of hats, caps, clothing, shirts, collars and cuffs, neckwear, handkerchiefs and Mens' Furnishings of every description is carried, while the line of suitings, trouserings, etc., in the custom department is a large one and embraces an elegant line of cheviots, tweeds, cassimeres, scotch plaids, serges, clay diagonals and worsteds.

Mr. Keller established this business about 18 years ago since which time he has built up a large and substantial trade and a very creditable reputation as a cutter, his fit, cut and finish of clothes being unsurpassed by any one in this section.

Mr. Keller was born in Berks county where he received his elementary education and then entered the Lebanon Valley College where he graduated with high honors.

He followed various pursuits previous to establishing his present business.

Mr. Keller is one of Schuylkill Haven's most influential citizens and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any project for the betterment of the welfare and progress of the town.

E. T. EILER,

Tonsorial Artist, Main Street.

The tonsorial parlors occupied by the above mentioned gentleman are centrally located on Main street where every convenience is enjoyed for the successful carrying on of the business. The shop is 15x30 feet in dimensions and is equipped with three up-to-date barber chairs, a neat centre fountain, elegant French plate mirrors encased in a handsome frame work finished in oak and polished to the highest degree, while a large and complete line of cigars of the best brands is also carried. Mr. Eiler employs two skilled assistants and has a large and growing patronage. In connection with the barber business he is director of Eiler's Cornet Band which he established himself. Mr. Eiler started the band with but three men over ten years ago since which time the membership has increased to twenty-three, and through the careful guidance of Mr. Eiler it has grown to be an organization which is indeed a great source of credit to Schuylkill Haven and reflects much credit upon its founder. The band is often engaged to play on holidays, and for dances, balls, etc., and is often engaged to play at the Fair grounds during the Orwigsburg fair. Mr. Eiler was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1861 where he was educated in the public schools. He was always fond of music and has a natural gift in that direction, and although he never attended a school of music, he has always been a close student to that particular branch and the success he has achieved is due to his enterprising and untiring devotion to the study of music.

After leaving school he began as an apprentice in the barber shop of Mr. A. W. Schwartz, and afterwards opened a shop of his own in Spring garden which was about sixteen years ago. He finally moved into a more central location, conducting a shop in the basement of the old Washington Hotel where the hotel Grand now stands. He remained there for three years when he removed to his present quarters. Mr. Eiler needs no introduction to the residents of this vicinity as he is well known as a gentleman who by reliable and honest dealing has maintained a reputation which is irreproachable.

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CHAS. F. BECK,

Dealer in Dry Goods and Provisions.

Mr. Beck, who is also associated with Mr. Martin Wagner in the manufacture of shirts a sketch of which appears in another column of this review, established this store sixteen years ago, since which time he has built up a substantial trade. The premises occupied are centrally located, neat and commodious and stocked with large and well selected assortment of dry goods, groceries both staple and fancy; boots and shoes, notions, etc. He employs a force of courteous assistants and his goods are noted for their general excellence.

Mr. Beck was born in Cressona in 1858 where he received his education after which he was employed as a clerk until he established his present business. He was twice appointed postmaster of Cressona under President Cleveland which office he now fills.

As a thorough business man he has no superior in this section, his success being wholly due to his enterprising and sterling business qualifications. He is a staunch Democrat and always takes an active part in anything which would advance the prog-

ress and welfare of his native town. He is also a member of the Red Men, Odd Fellows and Sons of America.

M. BOWMAN,

Dealer in Dry Goods and Notions.

This business was established in 1880 by Mrs. M. Bowman since which time it has been under the efficient management of Miss Carrie Bowman. The premises occupied comprise a three story building and basement, the store having a frontage of 22 feet and a depth of 35 feet where a large and well selected stock of dry goods, notions, etc., may always be found. The store is equipped with all of the most modern conveniences for the successful prosecution of the trade which is large and steadily increasing. Miss Bowman is a native of Schuylkill Haven and is highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends.

Her ability to conduct the business successfully is fully demonstrated by the extensive trade enjoyed and the exceptionally well selected stock.

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DR. P. C. DETWEILER.

Dr. P. C. Detweiler was born at Kutztown, Berks county, Penna., in 1833. He was educated in the public schools of Berks county, and at the age of twenty-one he took up the study of dentistry and commenced to practice at Schuylki l Haven, Pa., in 1856, where he has continued to practice ever since.

He is probably the oldest practitioner of dentistry in the county. He is also the owner of several ice dams in the vicinity of Schuylkill Haven, and supplies the ice trade of that town, and has been a very successful business man, both financially and professionally. The doctor is a strong prohibitionist and a member of the United Brethren in Christ church, and is known as a zealous, earnest and active worker and leader in the church.

He has always been prominently identified with all humanitarian, philanthropic,

and charitable movements, and is always foremost in the advancement of any project which will benefit the progress and welfare of Schuylkill Haven.

RUDY'S LAUNDRY AND SHOE EMPORIUM.

It is not many years since the home washing had to be done by the laborious process of hand-rubbing, wringing and ironing, the only aids being a tub, wash board and sadiron. However, at the present date labor saving machinery and public laundries have revolutionized all this and it is indeed interesting to note to what degree of perfection modern laundry machinery has been brought. A noted Schuylkill Haven laundry which has acquired an enviable reputation for superior work is that of Carl S. Rudy, proprietor of the standard laundry 114 and 116 Main St. The laundry is equipped with all the latest improved machinery, including washers, ironers, dryers and in fact every convenience for the successful prosecution of the business.

Orders are called for and delivered promptly and work is turned out on very short notice and a high standard of service is assured.

The boot and shoe emporium which is located at the same address is conducted by Mrs. William Rudy and was established by William Rudy some years ago who successfully conducted the business until his death, since which time Mrs. Rudy has conducted it.

William Rudy was well and favorably known throughout this entire section. He was a hard and diligent worker from his boyhood up. He received an elementary education in the public schools after which he struck out in the world to get a living and win the battle of life alone. He served an apprenticeship at shoemaking which he followed all his life and finally started in the shoe business on a larger scale which he followed for years.

In politics he was a staunch Democrat and held many prominent offices under Democratic rule. He was generally known in this section as a reliable, and honorable man who achieved success by his sterling business qualifications, and pleasant and courteous manner.

He was always at the front and active in any movement for the betterment of any religious, educational or philanthropical project in this town and will be remembered by all who knew him as one of the leading and most influential citizens of Schuylkill Haven.

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E. ZIEGENFUS,

Furniture and Undertaking.

A progressive and one of the most reliable houses in Schuylkill Haven actively engaged in the furniture and undertaking business is that of Mr. E. Ziegenfus whose store is centrally located on Main Street. The business was established by Mr. Ziegenfus in 1872 since which time a large and profitable trade has been established.

The premises occupied cover an area of 30x70 feet and the interior of the store presents indeed an attractive appearance. Here may be found an endless variety of fine and medium grades of furniture, parlor and bedroom suits, odd and fancy single pieces, library and kitchen furniture, mattresses, springs, fancy rockers, in fact furniture of every description, products of the best known manufacturers of this country and such a stock as is carried by the first class furniture houses of the larger cities. Mr. Ziegenfus promptly attends to undertaking in a careful manner at reasonable prices. Calls are attended to night and day. To sum up briefly there is no house in this section that carries a better line of furniture or is better adapted to the professional part of the business than is Mr. Ziegenfus.

Mr. Ziegenfus was born in Barry Township, Schuylkill County, in 1848. He was educated there and at Ashland, Pa., learning his trade at the latter place and remaining there until 1872 when he came to Schuylkill Haven and established his present business. He is a prominent member of the Sons of America and is very popular in business and social circles, and richly deserves the large patronage he is enjoying.

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THE LAUTENBACHER MILLS,

Manufacturers of Ladies' Heavy Knit Underwear.

J. C. LAUTENBACHER, Mgr.

St. Peter Street.

For eleven years this house has been before the public, and its goods are known throughout the country for their general excellence. The premises utilized comprise a large two-story factory and basement covering an area of 40x90 feet and equipped with every modern convenience for successfully conducting the business. The machinery, which is driven by steam power, the engines and boilers generating 35 horsepower, comprises 24 knitting and sleeving machines and 36 finishing machines, all of which are the very latest improved make and design.

This industry affords employment to over 50 hands, which are all competent and skilled in their respective branches The goods manufactured consist of ladies' heavy underwear only. This underwear is the standard of the trade and is shipped in large quantities throughout the west where it always finds a ready market.

Mr. Lautenbacher is thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the business and under his able management the business has grown to enormous proportions.

He was born in Kutztown, Berks county

in 1857 and came to Schuylkill Haven with his parents when quite young where he received his education and then served an apprenticeship as a marble cutter which he followed for some time. He finally engaged in the manufacture of seemless hosiery, conducting that business until he started in the manufacture of knit underwear.

Mr. Lautenbacher is a prominent and influential business man and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends. He is also a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Junior Mechanics and Royal Arcanum.

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L. HUMMEL,

Cor. Main and Canal Sts., Furniture and Carpets.

As one of the most reliable and representative houses actively engaged in the furniture and carpet business this concern stands pre-eminent. It was established in 1890 at the present location since which time a large and substantial trade connection has been established.

The premises occupied comprise a large and commodious store 40x100 feet in area where may be seen one of the largest and most complete stocks of furniture, carpets, etc., in this section.

The business is under the able management of Mr. C. F. Wagner and a force of courteous assistants is constantly employed catering to the many patrons.

A specialty is made of undertaking and embalming and funerals are attended to in the most prompt and correct manner. Seven delivery wagons are kept constantly in use where the hearses, etc., are as finely equipped as any in the large cities. The six spacious show rooms are elegantly furnished and have every convenience for the successful prosecution of the business.

Mr. Hummel also conducts a similar establishment in Pottsville which is located at 500 to 510 N. Centre street. The store here is a two story brick 75 by 100 feet in dimensions and has twelve beautifully furnished show rooms, where a magnificent assortment of furniture, carpets, etc., may always be seen.

Mr. Hummel was born at Summit Station, Schuylkill County in 1860 and was educated in Pottsville. He followed various pursuits previous to starting in this business and has always been looked upon as one of the most reliable and influential business men in Schuylkill County.

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HOTEL GRAND,

Daniel D. Yoder, Proprietor.

The cordial and cheery reception extended by Mine Host Yoder, of the Hotel Grand, to all who favor him with a sojourn beneath his roof, is one of the charms which combine to render the house popular with wayfarers from all parts of the country.

The Hotel Grand is without exception the largest, most handsome and finest equipped building in Schuylkill Haven. It is a four story structure and basement, built of Philadelphia pressed brick, the windows being of the very finest French plate while the architectural design is magnificent. The two lower stories of the building are finished in oak, and the two upper stories in cypress. The floors excepting the large public parlor on the first floor are of tile, and there are exactly 12,000 pieces of tile in the floor of the vestibule. The ceilings are of metal.

The hotel is conveniently located, comfortably arranged, elegantly furnished, warmed in cold weather with modern steam apparatus, lighted by both gas and electricity, provided with toilet and bath rooms, hot and cold water throughout and contains 54 airy and cosy sleeping apartments.

The table is first class, lavishly supplied with the best and choicest food obtainable,

prepared by an experienced chef, and politely served by attentive and unobtrusive waitresses. In connection with the hotel, and by far the finest in the vilage, is the bar. The fittings throughout are of oak, polished to the highest degree. Behind the counter in its elegantly and artistically arranged framework, a large French plate mirror reflects the brilliancy of the glassware and lends a grand and imposing effect to the general surroundings, which are of the most costly and appropriate description. Here the choicest and rarest of wines and liquors of imported and domestic product are dispensed. Mr. Yoder handles the very best and purest brands of lager, ale and porter while his whiskies are well and favorably known to the trade for their supe-

rior and extraordinary quality. From the start of his present business Mr. Yoder has succeeded in securing an enduring hold on public favor which has resulted in the development of a very large and influential trade, owing to the fact that only the best brands of wet goods are carried, and the wisdom of this policy is evidenced by the very large business done.

Mr. Yoder is too well and favorably known throughout this entire section to need any special comment. He is a courteous, pleasant gentleman, and one who thoroughly understands his business, and by honesty, integrity and perseverance, has succeeded in placing himself among our representative business men.

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D. D. COLDREN,

Custom Tailor and Gents' Furnisher.

A progressive and reliable establishment actively engaged in the Custom tailoring and Gents' furnishing business is that of Mr. D. D. Coldren who founded this business in 1890. The store is n at and commodious and is equipped with every convenience for successfully conducting the business.

A large stock of goods is carried including suitings, trouserings, hats, caps, and gents' furnishings of every description.

Mr. Coldren employs three skilled assistants and enjoys a large local trade. He was born in Reading Pa., in 1863 and was educated at Port Clinton public schools. He followed various different branches of business previous to engaging in his present vocation.

He is a prominent and active business man and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of business and social friends.

HOTEL GRAND, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN.

C. W. SAYLOR,

Main Street.

For nearly forty years the name of Saylor has been before the public of Schuylkill Haven and is inseparably associated with

and suggestive of fine goods at the lowest ruling market prices.

The business was established by C. W. Saylor about 38 years ago and was conducted by him until his death which occurred in 1890 since which time the business has been conducted by Mrs. C. W. Saylor and her daughter, Miss Mary Saylor, the latter having full management of the business.

The premises occupied cover an area of 20x45 feet where a large and complete stock of groceries, both staple and fancy, dry goods, notions, etc., is carried. An important feature is the flour and feed department which is conducted on an extensive scale. The business although local is very large and under the able management of Miss Saylor will undoubtedly succeed in the future as it has in the past.

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H. BERGER & SON,

Manufacturer of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fast Black Hose and Light and Heavy Weight Underwear.

This industry was established in 1889 by Messrs. H. Berger, Daniel Berger and E. R. Deibert who conducted it until 1893 when Mr. H. Berger and son, John D. Berger, purchased the business. The premises occupied comprise a large three-story brick building situated on Dock Street and covering an area of 40x60 feet. Here a force of from 100 to 140 skilled hands is constantly employed while the trade connection is very large and extends throughout the west.

The machinery used is of the most modern design and includes 30 ribbers for manufacturing tops to hosiery, and sleeves to underwear, 5 automatic standard machines, 6 loopers, 32 knitting machines in the hosiery department; 19 knitting machines in the underwear department; 30 finishers and 2 winders. This machinery is all driven by steam, the engine and boilers generating over 100 horse power. The product of this industry is well and favorably known to the trade for its excellent quality, strength, and durability and is the subject of comment wherever introduced. In connection with this business Messrs. Berger and Son also conduct a large general store situated on Dock St., and under the management of Mr. H. Berger, who established it in 1870, it has been successfully conducted ever since.

The store covers an area of 20x60 feet and is stocked with a large and well selected line of goods embracing everything in the

line of groceries, dry goods, notions, etc. Here two courteous assistants are employed catering to the large patronage which the house enjoys. Messrs. Berger and Son are gentlemen of sterling business qualifications, thoroughly conversant with every detail of their business and have attained their present high standing by enterprise, integrity and honorable business dealings.

Mr. John D. Berger is a member of the Masonic Order and the Junior Mechanics.

MAIN STREET SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA

MECK AND KEEVER,

Box Manufacturers and Planing Mill, Dealers in Oak, Pine, Spruce and Hemlock Lumber.

An important feature of the commercial activity and enterprise for which this vicinity has ever been noted, and one which has borne a prominent part in rearing its vast business wealth and prosperity, since its inception, is the manufacture of boxes for shipping purposes such as shooks, etc. In this special line of industry there is perhaps no better known representative than that of Meck and Keever, who, by their progressiveness, persistence, and fair dealings, have succeeded in building up a business which today stands in the foremost rank of the large industries which sustain the industrial portion of Schuylkill Haven.

CHARLES A. MECK.

This firm dates its inception to October 1st, 1897, when it was established by Messrs. Meck and Keever. The premises occupied comprise a large planing mill, two and one-half stories high and covering an area of 40x100 feet, with a lumber yard of ample dimensions where an enormous stock of choice oak, pine, spruce and hemlock lumber is constantly carried.

The mill is built on a most substantial basis having every convenience and facility for the successful prosecution of the business while the machinery which is of the most modern manufacture is driven by steam power aggregating 40 horse power.

Mr. Meck is a native of Lebanon County where he was educated. For many years he successfully conducted a general store in Schuylkill Haven until he embarked in his present business.

Mr. Keever is a native of Reading, Pa., and was born in the year of 1849. Here he received his education, after which he began his business career with the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Company, remaining with them for 30 years. During some of the time he was manager of the coal department in Schuylkill Haven.

Messrs. Meck and Keever are too well known throughout this entire section to need any special comment. They as individuals and business men, are a type that do honor to any community, and richly deserve the success they have attained.

J. F. BAST.

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Manufacturer of Ladies Light and Heavy Weight Underwear, Bern Street.

One of the oldest established and most reliable concerns actively engaged in the manufacture of knit underwear is that of Mr.

J. F. Bast whose large plant is situated on Bern Street. The factory comprises three stories and basement measuring 55x76 feet in dimensions where 28 knitting and 35 finishing machines are in constant operation. Steam power is used, the boiler being 80 horse power and the engine 25.

Here 42 hands are constantly employed while in the busy season upwards of 80 find employment.

The goods manufactured consist chiefly of ladies knit underwear, both heavy and light weight. The goods need no special introduction as they are generally known throughout the county for their superior quality, strength and durability. The trade of the house is very large extending throughout the west. The business was founded in 1889 and under the able management of Mr. Bast it has grown to its present proportions.

Mr. Bast is a native of Rockland, Berks County, where he was born in 1841. He was educated in his native town after which he served an apprenticeship in the carpenter trade following that business for 28 years in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He is a gentleman of enterprise, and straightforwardness and is considered one of the most successful business men in this section as well as one of the most influential citizens.

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DR. CHRISTIAN LENKER.

As a competent and successful physician in Schuylkill Haven, Dr. Lenker enjoys a most enviable reputation. He was born near Elizabethville, Dauphin County, March 10, 1842. He received a primary education in the public schools of Dauphin County. At the breaking out of the war he was a student at Mount Union College, Ohio. He immediately left the college and joined the Canton Artillery, serving with that body three months. He then enlisted in Co., H,

19th Ohio regiment, and in 1863, re-enlisted in the same regiment as a veteran, serving in the army altogether four years and three months. After being honorably mustered out at the close of the war, he attended

Millersville State Normal School and was graduated with the class of 1869. He then taught school for some time after which he began to study medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph Priestly, and in 1875, after a thorough preparatory training, he entered in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in the medical department in 1877, and also attended the auxiliary courses for two years.

He located near Bloomsburg, Columbia county, and began practicing and in 1882 he came to Schuylkill Haven where he has since practiced.

Dr. Lenker is not only a successful and skilled physician, but a thorough gentleman who has won the esteem of the entire community.

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A. H. KLINE,

Manufacturer of Ladies' Light Underwear, Margaretta Street.

A resume of the manufacturing industries of Schuylkill Haven would be, indeed, incomplete were we to omit the above named concern. This important adjunct to our varied industries was established in 1895 by Mr. A. H. Kline, and since its inception the business has grown rapidly, the large trade connection extending throughout the United States. The mill is a two-story frame structure covering an area of 42x42 feet, where 24 operatives are constantly employed. The equipment of the mill may be cited as complete in character, being supplied with appliances and machinery of the latest and best construction, all improvements being adopted which would conduce to the bettering of the product or lessen the cost of its production.

Fourteen knitters and twelve finishing machines are in operation constantly, while the motive power for operating the plant is furnished by steam, the engine being 12 and the boiler 25 horse-power. To the superficial observer the magnitude of a given industry is all that is thought to be worthy of attention, never stopping to consider the amount of patience, energy and forethought that has been expended in the process of development to the observed proportions. The business now under comment has been built up by energy, enterprise and sound business methods, and thus ample promise is given for greater and long continued success in the future.

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DR. HARRY G. WIEST.

Among the medical profession in Schuylkill Haven no doctor enjoys a better reputation as an able and skilled physician or is held in higher esteem by both the profession and the community at large than is Dr. Harry G. Wiest, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Wiest was born in Minersville, Schuylkill county, on September 22d, 1849. He attended the public schools of Minersville, and subsequently he entered the State Normal School at Kutztown, Pa., where he remained until 1868 when he entered his father's store and was engaged as clerk for several years. During the period of his clerkship he had also taken up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Wm. F. Kestler, of Minersville, and Dr. Malcolm McFarlin, of Philadelphia Later he entered Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, from which place he was graduated March 1876. He then located at Lock Haven, Pa., where he practiced for nine months and then located in Schuylkill Haven where he has since practiced. By close attention to his duties together with the marked ability he has ever displayed in some of the most severe cases he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice which rewards him for his efforts. He is a gentleman of courteous address and justly merits the success he now enjoys.

BERGER, BROWN & COMPANY.

P. S. BERGER.

FRANK BROWN.

G. H. GERBER.

BERGER, BROWN & COMPANY.

Manufacturers of Infants' and Ladies' Fine Shoes, 136 Columbia Street.

The importance of the shoe industry to Schuylkill Haven can not be over-estimated. In no line does the population of a city secure such direct benefits, and thus it is with pleasure that we direct special attention to the old and prominent house of Berger, Brown & Co., whose splendid facilities and marked enterprise and energy are proverbial. The business was established nine years ago by Messrs. P. S. Berger, Frank Brown and G. H. Gerber. Since the inception of the business they have built up a large and flourishing trade extending throughout the following States: New York,

RESIDENCE OF FRANK BROWN.

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia and the Canadas.

The firm occupy a substantially constructed modern two-story building and basement 26 feet by 100 in dimensions with an L which is 16x24 feet in dimensions. An average force of 100 hands is employed under the personal supervision of skilled foremen. The proprietors select their skins, leather and findings with the utmost care and only the choicest of materials thus find their way into this stock. The goods are made on the latest fashionable style of lasts, while the utmost care is bestowed as to workmanship and finish. The firm operate about 120 shoe machines which are propelled by steam power while the engine and boiler which are situated in the basement generate 20 and 50 horse power respectively. Over 1200 pairs of shoes are manufactured here per day while the sales aggregate $175,000 per annum.

The proprietors are all natives of Schuylkill county and are well and favorably known throughout this section, universally respected for their honorable and progressive methods, and ever on the alert to introduce into their factory any improvement.

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MARTIN WAGNER, Cressona Shirt Co.

GEO. B. RAUCH,

Dealer in Anthracite and Bituminous Coal.

Mr. Rauch founded this business in 1892 since which time he has established a large and extensive trade connection.

The premises occupied are situated at Spring Garden and at the P. & R. R. R. depot, both having a capacity of 300 tons of coal. The coal schute is over fifty feet in length while four large coal bins are located.

Mr. Rauch employs an average force of six hands and has three teams constantly in use delivering coal to his large patronage. He supplies nearly all the industries in this town with coal and also the Electric Light plant. He handles over 4000 tons of coal per year.

Mr. Rauch was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1862 where he was raised and educated. He then followed boating on the canal for fifteen years when he retired from that business and founded his present establishment.

He is a gentleman of sterling business methods, who by enterprise and energy has achieved the success he now enjoys. By the friends who know him best his sterling qualities of manhood are most highly appreciated. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, Red Men and Sons of America.

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SAMUEL B. DETWEILER, D. D. S.

Among the representative and successful dentists in Schuylkill Haven none bear a more creditable reputation than Dr. Samuel B. Detweiler. He was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1861. He received his early education in the public schools, after which he entered the Pennsylvania Dental College of Philadelphia, and graduated with high honors in the Class of 1885. He at once began to practice his chosen profession with his father, and remained with him until January, 1898, when he opened his present office. The office, located at No. 17 St. Peter street, is equipped with the latest improved operating chair, and, in fact, everything for the convenience of his patients.

He has a large local practice, and his charges are very reasonable. The doctor is

a courteous and pleasant gentleman, and the success he has achieved is due to strict integrity and honorable dealings. He is a prominent member of the Sons of America and Royal Arcanum.

WILLIAM H. MELLON.

William H. Mellon, the subject of this sketch, was born in Schuylkill Haven in 1858. He was educated in the public schools here, and at the age of thirteen

years he began boating on the Schuylkill Canal, following that until 1873, when he started to work in a rolling mill. In 1875 he accepted a position with the P. & R. R. R., and during part of the time he ran a steamboat on the canal and river for the company, and also ran a steamboat at Philadelphia for them.

In 1885 he relinquished his position with that company and was appointed Supt. of the Gas and Water Company, of Schuylkill Haven. He has acted in that capacity and has had general charge of everything connected with the business for the past thirteen years. Mr. Mellon is an enterprising and progressive business man, and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of business and social friends. He is also a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum.

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I. B. HEIM,

General Store, No. 45 St. John's Street.

A sketch of the general store trade of this village would be incomplete without a notice of its most prominent representatives. I. B. Heim who established this business in 1890, and has since that period gained steadily in reputation for reliability, and today ranks as one of the most important houses of the kind in Schuylkill Haven, carrying as select a stock as that of any similar concern located in this busy community.

The premises utilized comprise a well appointed store 30x50 feet in dimensions where a large and first class assortment of dry goods, staple and fancy groceries, notions, boots and shoes, agricultural implements, etc., is constantly carried. A specialty is made in garden seeds which is extensively dealt in. Two courteous assistants are employed constantly while the trade is very large and is steadily increasing.

Mr. Heim was born in South Manheim Township, Schuylkill county, in 1856. He received his education there after which he taught school for five terms. He was then employed building boats at Landingville for three years after which he was employed as

a clerk in the store which he now owns.

Mr. Heim is a thorough business man, who by enterprising activity and liberal management has attained for himself a general popularity in this community.

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GEORGE W. GISE, ESQ.

George W. Gise was born at Gratz, Dauphin county, on February 10th, 1862. Besides attending the public schools of that district, which remained in session but a short term each year, young Gise applied himself dil-

igently to his studies at home and prepared himself to enter the Berrysburg Seminary as a pupil where he was fitted for the Millersville Normal School, at which institution

he finished his education, and at once entered upon the profession of teaching. He was elected teacher of one of the schools at Williamstown and subsequently at Gratz, his home town. Later he came to this county and superintended the public schools of Port Clinton.

Early evidencing talents which are especially demanded by the legal profession, he decided to chose it as his life's work. To fit himself he entered the offices of Guy E. Farquhar of Pottsville, and in 1893 he was admitted to a membership of the Schuylkill County bar of which he soon forged to the front as one of the most successful of the younger members. In that same year he married Mary, daughter of John C. Ehman, of Schuylkill Haven, and two children have since blessed their union. He has been the secretary of the Board of Health of that place ever since its organization and served the borough as its solicitor for four years. His brother H. Day Gise is the superintendent of the schools of Schuylkill Haven.

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WILLIS L. BRYANT.

One of the most generous, urbane and public spirited citizens of Schuylkill Haven is Willis L. Bryant, who numbers his friends by the thousands. He was born in Allegheny City in 1850, and after attending the schools in that city he engaged in the lumber business which he conducted successfully for years. Relinquishing the business in 1889, he removed to Schuylkill Haven, where he located permanently, living a retired and unostentatious life. Though retired he is by no means reclusive or inactive, but devotes his time to the benefit of his town and its citizens. He is foremost in many of the affairs that are calculated to make that town a delightful place to reside in. He is respected and honored by every man, woman and child in that community, and enjoys the full confidence of the electors who selected him as Chief Burgess for the term of 1895-98, in which office he acquitted himself well. Dur-

ing his term the business of the town improved in a remarkable degree, which improvement gained an impetus during those years that it has become permanent.

JONATHAN H. WALBORN.

Jonathan H. Walborn, son of Daniel and Christiana Walborn, was born in West Brunswick Township, March 15, 1853. His earlier school days were spent in the district school near his home after which he attended the Kutztown State Normal school for several sessions. Thinking that he would like the teachers' profession he presented himself before the County Superintendent

for examination and was successful, being awarded a certificate for ten successive years, always being appointed to teach in his native township. After retiring as a teacher he was chosen a member of the School Board and served as the Secretary of that body for a number of years. He was also elected assessor of the township, holding the office for ten years, until 1897, when he was called upon to serve in the office of Director of the Poor, by the voters of the county. This place he is at present filling very satisfactorily. He is also serving his seventh year as Secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and his eighth year as Secretary of the Brunswick Horse Insurance Company. He conducted a very successful mercantile business at Drehersville for five years. He is a member of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of West Brunswick, and has been the president of the Y. P. S. C. E., of the same congregation since its organization. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party and is one of its most prominent members, of his section. His wife is Sarah E., the third daughter of Thomas and Sarah Hoy, of Orwigsburg. Their children are Ira G., and Morris D., the former now serving for the second term as teacher of Stephens' School, at his home. Mr. Walborn always leads in whatever duty he is called upon to perform and his neighbors consider it an honor to follow in his footsteps.

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HON. CLAY W. EVANS.

Hon. Clay W. Evans was born in Pottsville on February 10th, 1844. His parents are Thomas W. and Eliza (Tomlinson) Evans, both of whom are still living at St. Clair where they were among the pioneer settlers and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors. His ancestry are of Welsh extraction and like Wm. Penn were quakers. Thomas W. Evans with his father came to St. Clair in 1832 where he resided ever since, save a period between 1850-54 when he lived at Pottsville. Returning to Pottsville, he reared four sons to manhood. Clay the eldest attended the public schools when not employed at the mines. When 13 years of age he entered a general store in which he continued until the civil war when he enlisted in Co. B, 129th Regt., P. V. Serving the en-

listment for nine months he again volunteered his services and became a member of Co. G, 48th Regt., P. V. I., for three years. Wounded twice at the battle of Spottsylva-

nia, he was taken to Wilmington, Del., and subsequently to Washington, where he was examined by a military board and received a commission as Second Lieut. in the 31st Regt. colored troops. He served in the army of Potomac until December 1895 and was discharged with the commission of Captain. He was sent as an officer of the regulars to Texas to assist in quelling an Indian disturbance, and shortly afterwards was mustered out. In July 1873 he was commissioned as Captain of Co. K, 7th Regt., N. G. P., and was mustered out five years later. He also served on Gen. Sigfried's staff as aide-de-camp, ordinance officer and inspector of rifle practice with the rank of major, and in August 1873 he resigned.

He is a Republican in politics, serving that party as a member of the State Legislature in 1879-80. He was a member of the borough council for two terms; serving as its President for one term. He was also a member and president of the school board. He is a member of the Masons and other societies.

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JOHN F. GRESSANG.

John F. Gressang, who is the chief clerk at the Schuylkill County Almshouse, is a native and resident of Pottsville, where he was born on the 31st day of January, 1847. His parents were natives of Germany, who emigrated to this country early in life.

John F. Gressang attended the public schools of Pottsville, after which he entered Eastman's Business Colege at Poughkeepsie. from which institution he graduated eminently fitted to perform the duties of an accountant and book-keeper. He has a taste for politics and has always and still does wield a powerful influence within the ranks of the Republican party. He became its condidate when the opposition was overwhelmingly in the majority n 1881 for Clerk of the Courts, but was defeated by the late E. W. Freehafer. In 1887 he was nominated

by the same party as its candidate for Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' court and was again defeated, but with the very small margin of 44 votes which his competitor Samuel Beard received over him. He served as a member of the Pottsville School Board and in 1895 was appointed chief clerk at the County Almshouse, which appointment he now fills with credit to himself and his chiefs, the poor directors. During his term he inaugurated and established a concise though plain system of book-keeping, by which the fiscal affairs of that institution whose expenditures annually run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars can be ascertained in a few moments from a glance over his books. He is a painstaking and accurate accountant and systematizes the work in a practical manner. He has a son Del in the 4th Regt., P. V.

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STEPHEN G. MIDDLETON.

The president of the Board of Directors of the Poor of Schuylkill county is Stephen G. Middleton, of Gilberton.

Born on May 18th, 1853 in New Castle township, this county, he like thousands of others of our public men received his education in the district schools and at the mines. He continued to reside in New Castle township until 1877 when he removed with his bride to Luzerne county, where, after spending a few years, they returned to this county and located in Shenandoah in 1877, at which time that place was rising into prominence as a coal town.

He engaged in the truck or provision business, which he continued for seven years, and in 1884 he removed to the Middle ward of Gilberton, then known as Maizeville, and engaged in the hotel business.

It is those with whom he has associated a life time whose friendship for him is the strongest. They know his intrinsic value

and they repose their faith in him, and in his abilities and judgment. He served his ward as a member of Town Council and his borough as its treasurer prior to being elect-

ed a poor director in 1895. His administration of these offices were characterized with the same success as has followed the performance of his duties at the county home. It is the wish of the majority of his constituency that he be continued in the latter capacity, and his friends are therefore urging him to become a candidate for re-election, and to that end he has placed his name in the hands of his friends, and is subject to the Republican rules.

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THE THOMAS KNITTING MILL,

Manufacturers of Men's Light and Heavy Underwear.

This business was established in 1894 by S. and E. L. Thomas, and since its inception it has been an important feature of the commercial and industrial position of Schuylkill Haven.

The premises occupied comprise a two-story building and basement, 34x54 feet in dimensions, and equipped with fourteen knitting and twenty finishing machines, which are of the latest manufacture. The machinery is driven by steam power, the engine and boiler generating forty-five horse power. Here forty skilled hands are employed, making men's underwear, both light and heavy weight, while the output per day is upwards of 125 dozen.

The trade connection of this concern extends over a wide field, some shipments going as far west as Kansas and Nebraska, while the quality of the goods is well and favorably known to the trade for its uniform excellence, and is the subject of comment wherever introduced.

The business is under the able management of Mr. E. L. Thomas, who is also proprietor of a large general store situated one block from the factory. This business was established 15 years ago by his father, Mr. E. W. Thomas, whose death occurred in 1889, when the present proprietor assumed control of the business. A large and growing trade is enjoyed, and the business is managed by his brother, Mr. E. B. Thomas.

Mr. E. L. Thomas was born in Cressona in 1870, and received his education in Schuylkill Haven, after which he was employed in his father's store, following in that capacity until the changes took place as stated before. Mr. Thomas is a pleasant and courteous gentleman, and justly merits the large business which he now enjoys.

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OLIVER P. PIPER, M. D.

An interesting example of the skill and energy of Schuylkill Haven's physicians is in the past successful career of Dr. Oliver Perry Piper, the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Piper was born in Northumberland County, Pa., where he received his elementary education. He then took a course of studies at Princeton University after which he began to study medicine with his grandfather Dr. Tobias Piper, and in 1872 graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

He began to practice his chosen profession in Boston, Mass., remaining there three years when he came to Schuylkill Haven, and was physician to the Schuylkill County Almshouse hospital for a term of four years.

In 1889 he removed to Lancaster, Pa., where he practiced until 1892, when he again moved and began to practice in a new field, in New Jersey. He, in 1894, returned to Schuylkill Haven his old field and resumed his practice where he has since remained.

The Doctor is an ardent student and aims at all times to keep abreast of the times in his chosen profession. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word and courteous towards all with whom he comes in contact professionally, socially or otherwise.

THE CRESSONA SHIRT COMPANY,

Cressona, Pa.

This representative and reliable house was established two years ago by Messrs. Beck, Wagner and Phillips, Mr. Phillips retiring this Spring, since which time the business has been conducted by Messrs. Charles F. Beck and Martin Wagner.

The premises utilized comprize a large two story frame factory 35x60 feet in area where a force of sixty-five skilled hands is employed.

The machinery used is all of the most modern design and is driven by steam power. The engine and boiler generate fifty horse power.

The firm manufacture gentlemen's fancy and white bosomed shirts and ladies fancy waists. They enjoy a very large trade which is principally confined to New York City.

The goods emanating from this house are well and favorably known to the trade for their style, fit, finish and general excellence.

Both members of the firm are well known throughout this section and have built up a creditable reputation by their enterprise and integrity and reliable business dealings.

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S. D. DEIBERT & CO.,

General Store, Landingville, Pa.

Among those in Landingville, actively engaged in the general store business none enjoy a more creditable reputation for handling strictly first class goods at the lowest prices than the above mentioned firm. This firm began its business career in 1891 since which time a substantial trade has been established. The stock carried comprises everything known to the general store trade. The premises occupied comprise a large store 38x45 feet in dimensions and elegantly furnished with every modern equipment for the successful prosecution of the business. Mr. Deibert is a native of Landingville, where he was born in 1862. He was educated after which he began life working for his father and continuing so until he became connected with his present business. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and has been treasurer of that organization since 1891. He is also a prominent member of the order of Odd Fellows and Jr. Mechanics of Orwigsburg.

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JOHN H. DAHM,

Dealer in Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machines, Etc., 430 N. Centre St., Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. Dahm established this business January 1st, 1898 and in this short time he has by enterprise and progressive business methods, built up a large and substantial trade in this county and throughout Pennsylvania. He has three sub-agents under him who are constantly busy introducing the machines to the trade.

The office and premises occupied are located at No. 430 North Centre Street, Pottsville, Pa., where a $500.00 stock of machines, supplies, such as needles, oils, belting and parts to sewing machines is constantly carried. He also manufactures book binding machinery which is generally conceded t be the best and most substantial of its kind on the market. All the binding on this review was done on one of these machines.

Mr. Dahm was born in Ashland, Pa., in 1863 where he was educated and when but nine years of age he started to work in the mines where he was employed for some time. He was also chief janitor of the public schools of Ashland, Pa., for a number of years.

He finally located in Pottsville and was employed as chief engineer in the shirt factory of A. Straub & Co., until he founded his present business.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA.